



Tuesday 31 August 2021

What's in your Partners in Care bulletin?

This weekly bulletin provides details of training, guidance, access to past editions and lots more. There's also helpful information on the web pages dedicated to our Independent Care Provider colleagues.

[Please click here to bookmark these pages](#)



Key Messages for Providers

Following feedback from providers and from visits conducted, we felt it would be helpful to share the following key messages for providers to remain mindful of during the current climate.

- Workforce Checks- as part of regulation 18 providers must ensure screening of staff and that also applies to agency staff. Please remain robust and curious when checking staff.

- Reminder re the use of FFP3 masks when a resident is in receipt of AGPs and to ensure clearance for 30 mins afterwards as per the current [North Yorkshire and York PPE chart](#). FFP3 masks require fit testing and providers should ensure this is performed for all staff undertaking procedures
- To remain vigilant with covid guidelines, recent increase in cases being recorded in residents despite receiving double vaccination and residents showing symptoms.
- Be aware there is a rise in the incidence of Norovirus and to remain vigilant with appropriate IPC measures including washing hands with soap and water to kill the virus and not hand gel
- Please do escalate any issues/ challenges to the CCG and local authority teams as early as possible as we are here to support you as best we can and will work with you to find solutions if something is proving difficult



Capacity Tracker Changes- COVID and Flu Vaccine Recording

As part of the upcoming booster COVID-19 programme and flu season, the respective fields will be changing on the evening of **Tuesday 31 August** to allow providers to record this data.

Care homes will no longer be required to split out workforce vaccination levels by job role type (nurses, care-giving staff, non-care giving staff). Instead they will only record the total number of residents, directly employed staff and agency staff vaccinated will need to be recorded against each of the following vaccination questions.

- Number known to have had the first dose of the Covid vaccination
- Number known to have had the second dose of the Covid vaccination
- Number known to have had the Covid vaccination booster*
- Number known to have had this season's flu vaccination

Home Care providers will be required to record information on the COVID-19 Update relating to the total numbers of staff who have face-to-face contact with people your Organisation supports. against each of the following vaccination questions:

- Number known to have had the first dose of the Covid vaccination
- Number known to have had the second dose of the Covid vaccination

- Number known to have had the Covid vaccination booster*
- Number known to have had this season's flu vaccination

Need to know



Humber Coast and Vale Resilience Hub

The Humber, Coast and Vale Resilience Hub is a free NHS service that supports anyone who is struggling with the impact of COVID-19 and is open to all care staff across North Yorkshire, Humberside and the Vale of York, as well as to their families

The service is completely confidential and offers advice and support that can help with a range of issues from emotional wellbeing to bereavement, debt, domestic violence and relationship issues. The Hub builds on but is independent of existing organisational health and wellbeing services and our dedicated team can help you to quickly access the best advice or treatment when you need it. Whether you need signposting to self-help information or wider services that can support you, or more intensive psychological wellbeing support, we can help. Visit www.hcvresiliencehub.nhs.uk for more information.

Promotional resources are below for you to use in staff noticeboards, newsletters etc.

[HCV Resilience Hub A4 Leaflet](#)

[HCV Resilience Hub A5 Leaflet](#)

Guidance Changes

Self-Isolation guidance

- [Guidance for supporting adults with a learning disability or autism](#) has been updated to reflect the changes in self-isolation. If the person being cared for has symptoms or is part of a household that is isolating, you should follow the advice set out in the guidance for [supported living](#) and guidance for [home care provision](#), and on [the use of PPE for health and social workers](#).
- [Providing unpaid care to adults with an leaning disability or autism](#) has also been updated , as has [guidance for people receiving direct payments](#).

Visiting out of the Care Home Updates

- Reference to MCA and the application of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) during the COVID-19 pandemic has been removed from the [guidance](#).

Skills for Care Webinar- CQC Monitoring, Inspection and Smarter Regulation

When: Tuesday 05 October 2021 | 10:00 – 10:30

This webinar, delivered in partnership with CQC, looks at how monitoring, inspection and support is evolving as the regulator implements their new strategy and smarter regulation. The webinar provides the opportunity to learn more about current CQC processes and what further changes on the horizon.

This webinar is aimed at frontline managers, quality and compliance leads and others involved in preparing for the service for CQC monitoring and inspection. Skills for Care will also be sharing insight into our own resources and future plans to enable you to continue to deliver good and outstanding care. This live recorded webinar is likely to be very popular so please book early to avoid disappointment and feel free to share as appropriate. To register please follow this [link](#).

CQC will also be a hosting of their own session on their monitoring approach, which will take place on **Monday 20 September at 3.00**. To register please follow this [link](#).

Training and Development Opportunities

T34 Syringe Driver Training for Care Homes

St Leonards Hospice and York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are offering a series of dates across autumn and winter, for care homes to access free to access T34 syringe driver training.

Topics covered will include:

- When it is appropriate to use a syringe driver.
- The advantages of using a syringe driver.
- Be aware of commonly used medicines and diluents.
- Have practical experience of setting up a syringe driver.

For more information and dates, please follow this [link](#).

Upcoming Webinars and Training Sessions

There are wide range of sessions taking place during September and October, including all of the below. For more information and booking details please access our [Partners in Care Training Page](#).

- Palliative Care for People with Learning Disability Network (PCPLD) Annual Conference- Thursday 16 September
- Red Flag Roadshows in York and Selby to raise awareness in the LD community of the signs and symptoms of cancer- Friday 17 September
- Skills for Care Webinar- Recovery, Reflection and Moving Forward- Thursday 23 September
- National Nursing Associate in Social Care Community of Practice Virtual Event- Tuesday 28 September
- York Carers Awareness Training- Wednesday 29 September
- Webinar: Digitisation in Social Care Webinar: Providing Greater Access to Key Medical and Care Information at the Point of Transfer Between Care and Health Settings- Wednesday 06 October

Further Information

Free Government Funded Care Home Website and Energy Efficiency Tool

The Building Research Establishment (BRE) have created a free energy efficiency assessment tool that will help small and medium sized care home providers improve the energy efficiency of their care homes and save money. They were commissioned by the Department for Business Environment and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to create the tool and website.

The tool lets you input simple information about your building and creates a bespoke list of potential improvements with the associated costs and savings of each measure. You can then use the website information pages to find:

- Ways to fund and procure these improvements
- Trusted suppliers and contractors
- Current energy efficiency standards and regulations

To access the tool, please follow this [link](#).



COVID in Pregnancy- Posters

All pregnant women are being recommended to access the COVID-19 vaccination to protect themselves and their baby. The Royal College of GP's have produced a series of posters which may be helpful to display or share with staff, which summarises the data behind this guidance as well as how to avoid catching COVID-19. To access these, please follow this [link](#).

This bulletin is produced by NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group.

Do you have.....

- thoughts or comments to share?
- news that you would like to feature in the bulletin?
- items to be discussed at the next Partners in Care Meeting?

If so please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

