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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](#)



Humber Coast and Vale Resilience Hub- Free and Confidential Wellbeing Support for Care Staff

Jane Richardson from The HCV Resilience Hub gave an update at Partners in Care Virtual last week about the support that staff and their families are available to access through the service. The hub is a free NHS service that supports

anyone who is struggling with the impact of COVID-19, and 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. this 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, they can help. Individual 1:1 and group support is available, and the team are able to do outreach work with teams of staff if you feel appropriate for your service. For more information please www.hcvresiliencehub.nhs.uk for more information. The team can be contacted through tewv.hcv-resiliencehub@nhs.net.

Please share this information with your staff, and find posters below which you may wish to display.

[HCV Resilience Hub A4 Leaflet](#)

[HCV Resilience Hub A5 Leaflet](#)



COVID Booster Vaccinations for Frontline Health and Care Staff

The national booking portal is now live for health and social care staff to book their COVID-19 booster doses. Staff will only be able to book if 6 months (180 days) have passed, and will be asked to take a form of work ID with them to the appointment. To book please follow this [link](#). If you've had positive COVID-19 test you must wait 4 weeks (28 days) from the date of the test result before booking.



Skills for Care Workforce and Development Update- October 2021

Please find through this [link](#) the slides from the Skills for Care update shared at last weeks Partners in Care Virtual Forum. This includes around the below among other developments. Also available is a summary of all virtual briefing sessions coming up hosted by their Yorkshire Humber and North East Team (including recruitment and retention and digital social care) through this [link](#).

- State of the adult social care workforce report
- Recorded webinars on topics including recruitment, HR and wellbeing are available to support registered managers
- Upcoming webinars on developing supervision skills, role of nominated individuals and managing medication from a regulatory perspective
- Launch of the national "Made with Care" recruitment campaign in November, with more detail to follow on a York and North Yorkshire recruitment webinar.
- Value based approaches to recruitment and retention training
- "Moving Up" programme to support black, Asian and minority ethnic leaders to take their next step in leadership
- Rapid induction training
- Workforce development fund opportunities
- How to find out more about the Adults Social Care Workforce Dataset (ASC-WDS)

Summary of the Adult Social Care Sector and Workforce in York

Skills for Care using the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set have produced a summary of the social care workforce in the City of York area. This includes data around retention rates, workforce demographics, breakdowns by roles, levels of pay and qualification levels. To access this summary, please follow this [link](#).

Need to know

Void PCR Tests Reminder

We've aware that providers are still having issues with PCR tests being declared void, a reminder than any tests that have passed their expiry date will be automatically declared as void by NHS Track and Trace when received into labs. These expiry dates can be found on the box they are delivered in and sometimes the exterior plastic bag and vial. If you think you have been sent kits that have already expired, then please send an email with a photo attached of expiry dates on the box, the packet and the vial to carehometesting@dhsc.gov.uk.



Upcoming Learning Disability Sector Webinars

Please find details below for a series webinars hosted by Skills for Care overcoming the coming weeks designed for learning disability sector.

• **The 'Feeling at Home' Project: Research and Policy Round-up on "Homeliness" as a Quality Indicator in Residential Care for People with Learning Disabilities.** Tuesday 2 November 2021 from 11:00 – 13:00- The 'Feeling at Home' project has been funded by NIHR School for Social Care Research to explore with people with learning disabilities living in group homes with staff support what helps or gets in the way of them 'feeling at home' where they live. In this seminar research team members will present findings from research and policy that throws light on this important topic

• **Supporting People With Learning Disabilities to Use Everyday Technology: An Introduction to a New Toolkit**

Thursday 4 November 2021 from 2.00-3.30: Many of us know the importance of being able to use technologies such as smartphones, tablets, WhatsApp and Zoom to keep connected with our friends and family and complete everyday online life tasks. Some people who work in social care, helping people with

learning disabilities have found this a challenge and many have realised they need help to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence in this area. The Open University will show us a new free toolkit for those who manage services, supervise carers and support staff to understand what is needed in order to provide good support for people with learning disabilities to access and use technologies (Including case studies and examples of good support in practice).

- **Using Technology to Include and Involve People to have Better Outcomes for Everyone:** **Friday 5 November 2021 from 10:30 – 12:30-** Last year we've all learnt how advances in technology have helped us all to connect with each other in a more human way than it has in the past. This conference will highlight the good things but also look at how we can get a balance of old and new as we move forward into a more settled way of life. It will cover a range of topics including 'Tips to support people when using online platforms Toolkit' which was commissioned by Skills For Care and Coproduced by ACE Anglia Leading Lives and Dimensions.

Skills for Care Wellbeing Update

Supporting the health and wellbeing of the social care workforce continues to be a key priority for Skills for Care. Please find through this [link](#) their October wellbeing update which includes their offer of support to registered managers (including a Facebook group, advice line and webinars for wellbeing). They also have a [wellbeing resource finder](#) which holds a wide range of support and resources all in one single place.



Role of Multidisciplinary Teams in Enhancing the Health of Care Home Residents

A [new animation from NHS England and NHS improvement has been launched](#) for all health and social care professionals working in multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) involved in improving patient care in care homes. Shown through resident Magdalena's eyes, we find out how health and care home professionals can work collaboratively to improve the health of their residents and to plan proactive and personalised care.

Learning and Development Opportunities

Data Security and Protection Lead in Social Care

When: Wednesday 10 November 11.00-1.00

In order to meet the National Data Guardian's 10 data security standards, social care organisations are strongly encouraged to have someone who is responsible for data security and protection, and who will champion the principles of good data protection. This person is called a Data Security and Protection Lead. Find out more about this new role at one of these webinars run by Digital Social Care.

For the November session please follow this [link](#).

Masterclass: Adopting Digital Social Care Records- Getting it Right the First Time

When: Tuesday 26 October 2.00-3.30

In this masterclass, Digital Social Care will be focussing on how to plan for implementation and how you can make sure that you get this right the first time. They will be joined by care providers who have adopted digital social care records who can talk about their experience. They will talk from experience about how they worked with staff, service users and software companies to have a smooth implementation

To book your place please follow this [link](#)

Further Information



International Infection Prevention Week

Please find links to the latest bulletins below from Community Infection Prevention and Control Team as part: International Infection Prevention Week. Also below are links to a selection of posters that are available to download free of charge which you can use in your service.

- [Care Home Bulletin](#)
- [Domiciliary Care Bulletin](#)
- [5 Moments for Hand Hygiene in Care Homes](#)
- [5 Moments for Hand Hygiene in Domiciliary Care](#)
- [Respiratory and Cough Poster](#)
- [Wearing a Mask- Do's and Don'ts](#)

Funded Seminars Supporting Retention and Development of Registered Managers

The Humber, Coast & Vale Workforce Programme team has secured funding to offer fully funded seminars for Registered, Deputy and Aspiring Care Managers to support the retention of Registered Managers working in Care across Humber, Coast and Vale, and support the development of deputy and aspiring managers. We know it is currently difficult to recruit and retain Registered Managers in our region and we know that some managers can feel isolated. Through the seminars, we will create opportunities for managers to develop, learn and network in a supportive environment.

The team have delivered a series of successful seminars in the past 12 months and are now looking to develop a programme of seminars for 2022. To ensure that the seminars are of benefit to our local Registered Managers **[we would like your feedback on topic, content and format of the seminars, therefore could we ask that you spare 5 minutes to complete this survey to inform our programme of seminars for 2022](#)** (The link will be live until 1 November 2021). Details of these seminars are available through

this [link](#), and more detail on the programme through this [link](#).

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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