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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.

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Accessing Flu Vaccination and COVID-19 Booster Vaccination for Frontline Social Care Staff

Last year there was very little flu virus in circulation due to high rates of vaccination and the high levels of covid precautions in place including social distancing, mask wearing, hand hygiene and lockdowns. Covid still remains in high circulation and many measures that contributed to low flu infection levels last year have been relaxed – meaning that our population has less immunity this year and there is greater risk earlier this season of flu outbreaks. Please do your bit to protect yourself, your family and others who are vulnerable. Protecting

ourselves from Flu remains crucial, so please do not delay booking your jab while

All those with long term conditions or over 50 years of age will automatically be contacted by their GP practice or may book at your local pharmacy. All other staff can access by booking with their local community pharmacy – this should be free for front line staff as long as you take a form of photo ID demonstrating you work in health or social care. For anyone wishing to know more about the Flu Vaccination programme please follow this [link](#).

For COVID-19 boosters, the national booking portal is now live for frontline health and social care staff to book appointment. Staff will only be able to book if 6 months (180 days) have passed since your second dose vaccination, 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

If any staff are having any difficulties in accessing vaccines please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

Revised Guidance for NHS Professionals Visiting Care Homes

As detailed in an email on Friday, a [letter](#) has been circulated on behalf of York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the NHS Vale of York CCG, which details revised guidance for NHS professionals working for the Trust in visiting care homes. This follows strengthened guidance published by The Department of Health and Social Care in order to reduce risks from visits by NHS professionals. We would be grateful for you make your staff aware of the changes which will come into place from **Monday 08 November** from the introduction of LAMP Testing, and for **Thursday 11 November** for proof of vaccination in line with national policy.

The key changes in relation to visiting NHS professionals are that:

- Care homes should see evidence from the professional of a negative rapid lateral flow test within the last 72hrs, which shows they are following the NHS staff testing regime
- NHS professionals visiting care homes should be granted entry if they have a negative test result as part of regular weekly staff testing using LAMP technology.

Care homes must ask the NHS professional when they were last tested and see proof of the result and date of the relevant professional's test. Further information on types of proof that are acceptable and a link to the full guidance can be found in the letter, and these [slides](#) shown at Partners in Care Virtual Forum last week.

Please also find a [letter](#) on behalf of the CCG which details the approach our staff will take to be able to demonstrate proof of vaccination when entering a care home.



"Made with Care"- National Recruitment Campaign Launching in November

The Department of Health and Social Care has launched the latest phase of the national adult social care recruitment campaign, 'Made with Care', which this year will run continuously until March 2022. The campaign will demonstrate the amazing work that care workers do, celebrating the way they empower the people they care for, and shining a light on the emotional reward of the role. It's designed to support care providers in recruiting the dedicated staff they need by inspiring people with the right values to consider a career in social care.

Advertising will be run across radio, video on demand, and digital channels, with high profile bursts of TV advertising in November and January, all directing people to adultsocialcare.co.uk to find out more about adult social care and search for vacancies near them. You can make the most of the awareness the campaign will drive by running local recruitment activity at the same time and [uploading your jobs to the DWP 'Find a Job' platform](#). Expert advice, templates and a new toolkit of recruitment assets will also be available from the campaign [resource centre](#) in time for the launch of the campaign. For further updates, [sign up to the campaign newsletter](#).

Need to know



Congratulations Julie Norman- Carer of the Year York Community Pride Awards 2021

We would like to congratulate Julie Norman, Senior Care Coordinator at Heritage Healthcare York who scooped the Carer of the Year at the York Community Pride Awards in October. Julie was recognised for her dedication in supporting the vulnerable and elderly in our community to stay safely in their own homes, both through providing hands on care at night and scheduling care plans and providing training to other members of her care team during the day. Julie has worked for the company since September 2012 and has been a lifeline throughout the pandemic by continued to provide essential support, deliver a sense of normality for those who have found it difficult and be a crucial link for loved ones who have not been able to physically be with family during lockdown. More information on the award is available through this [link](#).

Webinar- Attracting Men into Social Care

When: Thursday 18 November 12.00-1.00

Curado, a London-based mental health provider, has recently undertaken a study in collaboration with Kingston University to look at how to increase the number of men working in social care (currently only 16% of care and support workers in England are male). The findings from this – and details of the work Curado has done to grow their own male workforce will be shared at this webinar.

Speakers including Oonagh Smyth, CEO of Skills for Care, and Neil Eastwood, author of 'Saving Social Care' – will be considering the barriers to attracting men to the sector as well as possible solutions. Care providers and other organisations with an interest in social care careers and recruitment are welcome to join. There will be opportunities to share your own experiences – as

well as your thoughts about what we need to be doing to attract more men into care.

If you would like to book a place please e-mail

laura.anthony@skillsforcare.org.uk. You will then be sent a calendar invite with the Zoom link. As part of this work Curado has produced a [video](#) which features two of their male support workers talking about their experiences.

Face Masks Reminder and Poster for Care Providers

One of the biggest ways that staff infect themselves with viruses including Covid-19, D&V etc is through contaminating themselves during removal, or through touching contaminated PPE. A common risk factor is touching face masks as we are required to wear them continually at work when in a health or care environment. We wear a face mask to prevent us from breathing in viral particles – Any airborne particles, rather than entering our nose or mouths as we breath are trapped on the outside of the face mask, protecting us but contaminating the outside of the mask. Should we then touch our contaminated face mask, any viral particles present will contaminate our hands which we can spread to other people or objects by touch/hand contact; or we can infect ourselves by touching our eyes, nose, or mouth. It is therefore important that PPE is used correctly- and combined with good hand hygiene to be effective! If you touch your face mask for any reason, i.e eating, drinking, smoking, adjusting, scratching your face etc then you should remove the mask, dispose of it safely and perform hand hygiene before applying a fresh mask.

Please share this [poster](#) with staff to raise awareness and remember.

Learning and Development Opportunities

Oliver McGowan LD and Autism Training Trial

The Oliver McGowan training trial applicable to all staff in health and social care will run from September to November 2021, giving certification to participants who complete it. This trial is part of the development of this course by Health Education England and Skills for Care to ensure all staff receive LD and autism training appropriate to their role.

- Tier One is for all people working in health and social care, including those in admin and managerial positions. It consists of 2 components, taking around 4-5 hours in total. To sign up to start Tier One certification please click [here](#)
- Tier Two is for frontline health and social care providers only, and consists of 4 components, taking around 8 hours in total. If you have completed your Tier One training you can sign in to begin your Tier Two training. It is envisaged that there will be the opportunity to complete the Tier Two training face to face in a classroom.

Please be aware that due to high demand it can take up to 48 hours after initial registration to activate your online profile.

For more information email bildtrial@bild.org.uk or visit www.olivermcgowan.org to learn more about Oliver's story.

Partners in Care Training Pages- Further Training and Webinars

Did you know there is more information on upcoming training dates and webinars, as well as details of CCG run programmes around React to Falls Prevention, React to Red, Identification of Deteriorating Residents and PPE training on [training page](#)?

Upcoming webinars and training dates include:

- Tuesday 09 November- Making the most your Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) account and access funding for training
- Wednesday 10 November- Data Security and Protection Lead in Social Care
- Monday 22 November- York Carers Centre Carers Awareness Training
- Tuesday 23 November- Discover the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASCWDS)
- Tuesday 23 November- Masterclass Series – Adopting Digital Care Records (Bringing People with You)
- Wednesday 24 November- Nominated individuals: National Event
- Thursday 25 November- Take a Virtual Tour of the Adult Social Care Workforce Dataset (ASC-WDS)

- Thursday 25 November- T34 Syringe Driver Training
- Wednesday 02 December- Project ECHO Palliative Care Clinic- Managing Seizures
- Tuesday 07 December- Effective Supervision- Developing Supervision Skills to Support Your Staff
- Wednesday 15 December- Strategies for Supporting Palliative Care for people with Learning Disabilities in Family Homes and Residential/Care Home

Further Information

Patient Transport Services Update- Care Home Bookings

Please find through this [link](#) an update from the Patient Transport Service. To minimise the number of people entering a care home and avoid any unnecessary cancellations, they are asking for crews to met at the door when residents are mobile where possible and for staff to identify when booking if a resident is being taken to/from a care home setting so fully vaccinated crews can be sent.

For any queries around this update please contact

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COVID-19 Vaccination Letter for Tradespeople and Volunteers

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has produced a letter to help providers to share vaccine information to tradespeople and external contactors and communicate that anyone working or volunteering in a CQC regulated care home must have received a complete course of a COVID-19 vaccination (not including boosters), unless they are exempt. This is hosted on their dedicated webpage along with other resources and information to help providers navigate this legislation. To view these resources 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