



Monday 22 November 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](#)

Keeping our care homes safe

New rules mean everyone over the age of 18 must show they are fully vaccinated or medically exempt to enter our care home. This is to protect our residents against COVID-19.

The rules apply to:



The rules do not apply to:



Visiting Professionals Proof of Vaccination for Care Homes-Reminder and Feedback Request

As a reminder, please find this [letter](#) which details the 3 methods of which proof of vaccination from a visiting professional can be demonstrated. Homes **must** now check any vaccination status of any professionals visiting the home, and any of these forms of identification **must** be accepted in order to avoid a risk to residents of staff being turned away. For those needing to demonstrate proof it

can be good practice to request a letter demonstrating proof, as a standby in case of any technical issues.

If providers are having any issues with visiting staff showing proof of vaccination, we would really value if this could be fed back for us to escalate as necessary. We would also appreciate any feedback in understand how homes are managing the recording of vaccination status of visiting staff or on any issues you are experiencing around this. Please send feedback to sam.varo@nhs.net.

Visiting Professionals and Admission of Residents FAQ's for Care Homes

Please find below a set of FAQ's produced by North Yorkshire County Council to answer questions by homes in relation to testing and demonstrating [proof of vaccination for visiting professionals](#), and [testing on admission of residents](#). Questions answered include:

- How can a visiting professional show proof of their vaccination status?
- What counts as an emergency situation for Vaccination and Testing?
- A Visiting professional has shown me a positive PCR test from the last 90 days, should they retest?
- A Resident is going to be readmitted to the home/setting after being in hospital, can we accept them without a test?
- We have a resident returning from hospital following an overnight stay for elective care, do they need to isolate?
- We have a resident being discharged from hospital following admission for emergency care, do they need to isolate?



Stop the Pressure Day- Pressure Ulcers and Moisture Associated Skin Damage: What Am I Looking At?

Please find through this [link](#) a set of slides shared by Sam Haigh from the Tissue Viability Team at York Hospital at last weeks Partners in Care Virtual Forum. This is a guide to providers on what pressure damage is (including the different classifications), it's causes and how to prevent it in your setting. Also available through this [link](#) are recordings of a series of webinars held last week by the Tissue Viability Society to mark International Stop the Pressure Day.

Discharge Quality Standards Consultation

As circulated last week, all independent care providers are invited to share their views to a shape a new set of discharge standards for the area. These have been created by the North Yorkshire and York Quality of Discharges Group based on available guidance, evidence and contributed too by a wide range of partners, and created following feedback of instances where the quality of discharge has led to a poor experience for the patient and their families and sometimes left the person at risk of harm. These standards are broken down into each step of the discharge journey. We would value your thoughts asking: 'is this the standard we expect and want for the people we care for?'. The standards and a document helping hospital teams discharging to homes are embedded below for your thoughts, and also a script which you can share with for them to provide any comment.

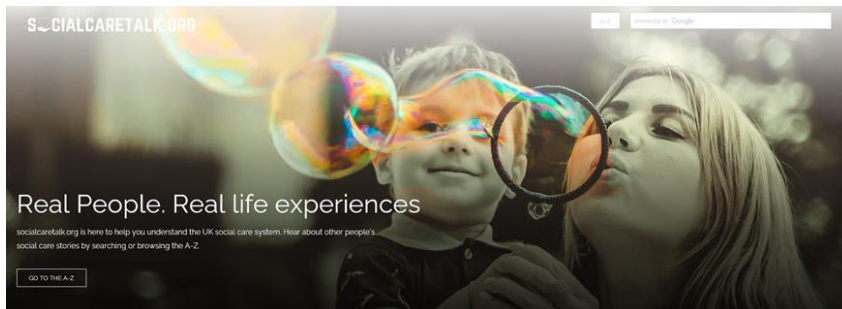
- [Draft Quality Standards](#)
- [Tips When Supporting Discharge of Residents into Care Homes](#)
- [Consultation Script for Staff](#)

Please send any comments by email to sam.varo@nhs.net. There is also a virtual consultation event which all providers have been invited to as a chance to have more detailed discussion on **Tuesday 7 December 2.00-3.00**. The deadline for responses will be **Friday 10 December**.

Need to know

T34 Syringe Drivers and Smith and Nephew TNP Pumps

Colleague from the equipment service at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have asked if providers would be able to check if they have any of the above devices, as there are a number of these that the service is missing. If providers have one of these devices they are able to contact the service on Equilib-york@ythfm.nhs.uk



Social Care Talk

The CCG has contributed towards research led by the Universities of Oxford and York which has resulted in the launch of a platform [Socialcaretalk.org](https://socialcaretalk.org). This is designed to support individuals in understanding what it's like to navigate the UK social care system, by watching other people share their stories. This website helps to prepare you for what's ahead, beyond the forms and appointments. Socialcaretalk.org is based on academic research into real people's experiences of social care and includes sections on paying for care, dementia and autism among others.

Capacity Tracker Update- Out of Hours Discharges

Please note that from **Monday 22 November**, a field will be added to the "Cost and Vacancies" section for care homes asking to record whether they are able to accept out of hours admissions. This is part of winter resilience measures so health and social care discharge teams can identify homes who are able to support this. If homes would be able to ensure that this box is updated that would be a great help.

Gowns on Discharge Alert

Please find through this [link](#) which shares learning from an incident which may be relevant to providers where residents are discharged in hospital gowns.

Learning and Development Opportunities



Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes
Scarborough, Ryedale and Vale of York

Project ECHO Palliative Care Clinics

Please find through this [link](#) a list of clinics taking place over the coming year delivered by the Project ECHO team run through St Leonards Hospice and St Catherine's Hospice. These are designed and shaped by the community of Nursing staff working across the region in palliative care. On Zoom, these Hospice-led clinics will provide mutual learning, practical guidance, case studies and support. These include:

- Delirium
- Nausea and Vomiting
- Hypercalcemia
- Bowel Obstruction
- Superior Vena Cava Obstruction (SVCO)

Nominated Individuals National Event (in Partnership with CQC)

Wednesday 24 November 14.00-15.30

This event, delivered in partnership with the Care Quality Commission (CQC), will explore the role and responsibilities of nominated individuals and what this entails from a registration and inspection perspective. A question and answer session with CQC colleagues will be included as part of the programme, followed by regional break-out discussions with Skills for Care colleagues about our offer of support to nominated individuals.

To register please follow this [link](#)

Further Information

Festive Support from Barclays Digital Eagles

Barclays Digital Eagles have a series of set available to help providers and those in their care experience the magic of the festive season from the comfort of your home. They will show you to stay in touch with your local community, have fun with the people you love, and stream festive events, all while helping you stay safe online. Including how to:

- Live stream festive concerts, performances and faith services
- Set the scene use online videos like log fires or fireworks
- Find inspiration online for festive crafts and activities
- Enjoy virtual family fun with festive filters and online games

For further information, email [Bethany Barnes](#)



Urgent Care Practitioner Service

Please find through this [link](#) a poster that care homes are able to print and display detailing the support that is available through the UCP service. The service operates between 7.00 and 23.00 and can visit for a resident with minor injuries or related concerns. You might like to consider calling the UCP desk as an alternative to calling 999 in some circumstances where your patient has minor injuries but is not an emergency. Urgent Care Practitioners (UCPs) can assess your patient as detailed in the poster can provide a range of medication and direct admission to a ward where appropriate.

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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