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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](#)



Recall Alert- Obisk Blue Tree Face Type IIR Mask: MKTIIR0214 (Tie Back) and MKTIIR0199 (Ear Looped)

A quarantine and recall alert has been issued for certain batch numbers of the above masks, which have been indicated by the manufacturer may not meet technical specifications for splash protection for certain batch numbers. To view the batch numbers and actions required if you have any of these, please follow this [link](#).



Flu Vaccination Letter for Care Providers

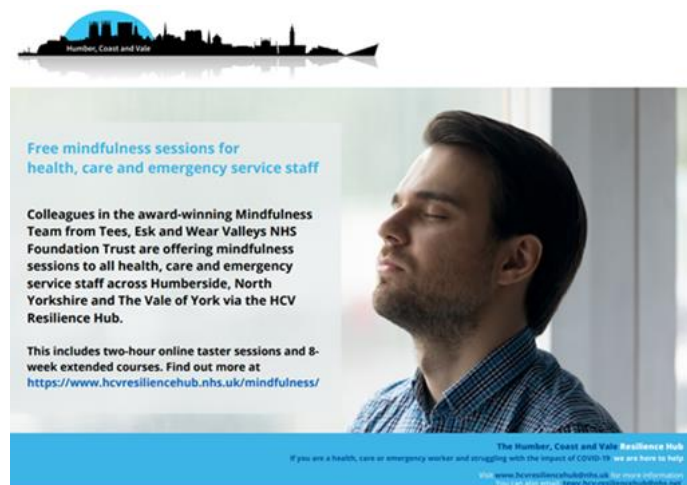
Please find through this [link](#) a letter addressed by NHS England and Improvement and North Yorkshire County Council to all their care providers but also applicable to providers in other local authority areas, which sets out how providers can access vaccines for both those in their care and their staff. The letter also sets out how providers can support the seasonal vaccination campaign, including making sure each member of staff is aware how to access, keeping your vaccination records up to date and to be able to identify symptoms of flu so the possibility of an outbreak is reduced.

Flu and its complications can be serious and sometimes fatal, particularly for older people, and those who have long term health conditions. The virus spreads rapidly, especially in care homes largely due to the age of the clients (many of whom have co-morbidities/long term conditions) and the close contact between residents and staff, with outbreaks often seen in these settings during winter months. Outbreaks of flu-like illness cause severe disruption to health and social care services as a result of, for example, reduced staffing due to sickness, home closures (due to outbreaks) and delayed discharges from hospital. This therefore makes vaccination of staff caring for these people even more important. All frontline health and social care workers should receive a vaccination this season where possible.

Humber Coast and Vale Resilience Hub- Trauma and Burnout Workshops

The Resilience Hub have arranged some additional trauma recovery workshops, introducing a larger focus on burnout for the period over winter, when they anticipate pressures to be significant across health and the care sector. There are 18 workshops to choose from including some exciting new themes and topics, offering more resources and tools for self-reflection and self-

compassion, hopefully supporting staff on their recovery journeys to wellness. Please find through this [link](#) a brochure for sharing across your teams . The brochure also includes a handy synopsis of each workshop. All workshops will take place virtually/remotely via the Zoom videoconferencing platform so an Internet/Wi-Fi connection and a comfortable, quiet place to sit or lie down will be essential. Following booking you will be sent an Outlook Calendar meeting invite with the joining details.



Mindfulness Courses for Health and Social Care Staff

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust have announced further free mindfulness courses in 2022 open to all health, care and emergency service staff across the Humber Coast and Vale region. Mindfulness is the natural capacity we have, to bring awareness and interest to what is happening in the present moment. There is good evidence that becoming more mindful can support our mental health and wellbeing. During these difficult times, looking after ourselves as well as our those we care for has never been so important. If you would like to enrol or find out more follow this [link](#), and also a [poster](#) for workplace display.

Courses take place via the HCV Resilience Hub over an 8-week period on the below dates:

- Monday, 11am – 1.15pm, 24 January – 28 March 2022 (no 21st February)
- Tuesday, 10am – 12.15pm, 25 January to 29 March 2022 (no 22nd February)
- Tuesday, 7pm – 9.15pm, 25 January to 22nd March 2022

- Wednesday, 10am – 12.15pm, 26 January to 30 March 2022 (no 23rd February)

Use of Abbott's Tests for Facilitating Discharge

Please find through this link, a [letter](#) that the public health team at North Yorkshire County Council have produced which contains the advice they have provided to NHS Colleagues on the use of the above tests to facilitate discharge into care settings.

Need to know

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.

Discharge Quality Standards Consultation

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.

- [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**.

Learning and Development Opportunities

Lecture- Valuing 'Nous' - Injecting Health and Social Care with a Booster of Emotional Intelligence.

When: Tuesday 07 December 6.00-7.45

Dr David Sheard (Professor of Emotional Intelligence in Care in the School of Science, Technology and Health at York St John University) will be delivering this lecture to make a positive call to refocus our NHS and Social Care services on emotional intelligence, as this kind of nous has not always been central to health and social care. Emotional intelligence has been defined as the ability to perceive, use, understand, manage and handle emotions.

The session can be attended either virtually or in person. For more information please follow this [link](#).

Humber Coast and Vale Cancer Champions- Virtual Sessions

These virtual Cancer Champion training sessions help raise awareness of signs and symptoms of cancer to encourage early detection within local communities. The 90-minute session will be available to anybody from across the Humber Coast and Vale area, and aims to save lives by promoting healthy lifestyle choices and encouraging early detection of cancer, when treatment could be simpler and more successful.

You'll gain the confidence and knowledge to have life-saving conversations about cancer and everyone who completes the course will receive a copy of our virtual handbook, a certificate and a badge to show they have taken part.

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

Further Information

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](#).

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

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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