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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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Access to COVID Vaccination for Social Care Staff- Reminder and Support

You will be aware of the national push to encourage individuals to have their COVID-19 booster jab (as well as first and second doses for those who have not yet received) to provide optimum protection against the Omicron variant. We know that care providers are doing an excellent job in supporting their staff in accessing vaccination to help protect themselves and those in your care, however we are reaching out to support those who are still needing to access vaccines but are having difficulties in doing so.

As a clarification on for first doses for staff with face to face contact in domiciliary and supported living services, the last date to receive as per guidance is **3 February** in order to be double vaccinated by 1 April. However in order to be 14 days fully vaccinated and the effects of the vaccines to have taken full effect, staff may consider getting their vaccines earlier. We would encourage staff to get vaccinated at their earliest opportunity in order to get optimum protection.

Vaccine supplies in the area are currently plentiful and can be accessed either through a booked appointment, or through one of the drop in clinics listed through this link (please bring staff ID if accessing this way):

<https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/campaigns/book-your-covid-19-vaccine-and-booster-appointment/>

If you have any staff who are having difficulty in accessing a vaccine, then please let us know and we will endeavour to help.



Partners in Care Virtual Forum

This week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum, will take place on **Thursday 13 January from 2.00-2.45**. These sessions are designed to provide support with the latest guidance, updates from across health and social care and a chance to ask questions of both health professionals and fellow care sector colleagues.

Immedicare will be attending this session to update on the funded Telemedicine service that has been offered to all older persons care homes and answer any question. The session will also be cover testing, vaccination, and workforce pressure. The sessions are shaped by our care providers so if you have anything

you would like to raise for this meeting please get in touch. All care providers and partners agencies are welcome at the forum, please contact sam.varo@nhs.net if you don't have the calendar invite.

Need to know



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

North Yorkshire Social Care Staff Support Network

First Meeting: Friday 14 January 2022 2.00-3.00

Following discussions with care providers and a need being established, The Project ECHO Team are launching a network exclusively for care staff which will provide a safe, supported space to share experiences with colleagues in other care homes and domiciliary services. The network is endorsed by local CCG's and local authorities and is available for all care staff working across North Yorkshire and York. The network committed to the needs of care staff, and will be based around the support and learning that staff say they require. An initial meeting will take place on 14 January, for joining details please follow this [link](#).

For more information or queries please contact ProjectECHOTeam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk. There is also a [poster](#) you may wish to display.

Learning and Development Opportunities

Skills for Care Yorkshire and Humber Webinar- Retention and Recruitment

When: Tuesday 11 January 10.00-11.30

Recruiting new workers can be challenging at any time, but the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has made this challenge even greater. From our research and work with employers across the sector we know

Skills for Care Yorkshire and Humber Webinar- Developments in Digital Social Care

When: Tuesday 25 January 10.00-11.30

Adult social care services are increasingly using different forms of digital technology to

what has worked well for others. In this session we will outline the support available to help you find and keep the right people.

For more information and to register please follow this [link](#)

support the delivery of services. This session will share the resources that Skills for Care has to support you with the use of digital. We'll update you on the latest consultations which look at the levels of digital literacy in adult social care and share examples of how digital supports service delivery.

To register please follow this [link](#)

Further Information

Contacts for Incident Reporting

- To report any patient safety concerns regarding York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, please use this dedicated generic email. This will allow the Trust to continuously receipt, acknowledge and investigate these concerns. Please send to: yhs-tr.s2s@nhs.net
- To make a complaint or to highlight any concerns regarding Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, please email yas.patientrelations@nhs.net. Please find through this [link](#) a template which you are able to complete, which will ensure they have all the information required to investigate.



Addressing the Dementia Diagnosis Gap- Memory Service Referrals

When: Thursday January 20 2022 12.00 – 1.00

Yorkshire and Humber Mental Health Clinical Networks invite you to join this informal 'Conversations' Session to contribute to discussions about how to address the Dementia Diagnosis Gap. Led by our Clinical Lead, Dr Sara Humphrey with support from Dr Rod Kersh, Consultant Community Physician, these sessions form an important

part of the Dementia and Older Peoples Mental Health Programme. Nationally there has been 32% drop in referrals to Memory Assessment Services MAS between September and October 2021. The aim of this session is to have a conversation about current issues and challenges in this area and how places can support improvement. The session is designed for anybody with an interest in dementia including from care providers as well as the voluntary sector, local authority and the health sector. For more information please follow 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