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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](#)

Discharge Medications Trial

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust are trialling a process to assist with their early discharges and the complications involved in early completion of tablets to take out to accompany the patient travelling on PTS transport. This has been underway for a couple of weeks, will continue this week and a further update will be provided following a review of the trial.

This is a model that they have successfully running in other trusts in the North East of England and have significantly improved the early discharges and patient flow. The organisation delivering the service (CIPHER Medical) will be providing a

wheelchair accessible vehicle with ambulance care assistant that will deliver patient tablets to take out, if they have not/will not be completed by pharmacy before the patient has been taken home by transport. The service will run 10am until 10pm Monday to Friday. This vehicle also has capacity to take T1 category patients as well as patient medications also some selected equipment. In addition, the service will also be providing a stretcher vehicle available from 10am to facilitate those early stretchers that also may be waiting for medications.

The booking of the tablets to take out to be delivered will be on an electronic booking system. The Discharge Pharmacy Team book all medications on the system and Patient Flow Team book patients. For any queries please contact the hospital discharge team.



Partners in Care Virtual Forum 24 March- CQC Strategy and Priorities

At Partners in Care this week on **Thursday 24 March 2.00-2.45**, by request we will have CQC coming to provide an update on their strategy and priorities for the next 12 months. This is very much your session and we would really value any feedback from providers about any topics or questions you would like them to cover, which will help shape the update they give. We recognise not everybody will be confident in doing so- So we have created a completely anonymous link which providers are encouraged to use to submit any requests they have. Please follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5DMLKYX>

As always though providers are also able to submit any requests by email to sam.varo@nhs.net, or ask questions at the session itself verbally or via the chat (The anonymous link will also remain open during the meeting). We will also have updates around international nurse recruitment and resources to support nutrition in care providers, but for any further topics you would like us to cover then just let us know.



Norovirus Spring Alert

Norovirus outbreaks in care homes have risen in recent weeks, leading the UKHSA to remind people of simple steps that can be taken to limit the spread of the bug. Early identification of symptoms of Norovirus infections. The Community Infection Prevention Team have put together these useful [slides](#) sharing how to

early identifying and isolate an outbreak, report and outbreak and break the chain of infection using hand hygiene, PPE and enhanced cleaning.



Adult Care Specialist Skills Training Funding

UTS in Partnership with Skills for Care and Health Education England
For organisations across Yorkshire and Humber



Adult Care Specialist Skills Training Funding

The Humber Coast and Vale ICS (Integrated Care System) in partnership with stakeholders across the region, have come together to identify some of the key skills development areas needed to bridge the gap between social care and health and achieve better outcomes for those being supported. All adult care providers will be able to access training fully funded by the ICS and Skills for Care for your staff in the below areas. Further information including details of how to register for the training, please follow this [link](#).

- Strength Based Approaches
- Practice Assessor Preparation
- Infection, Prevention & Control
- Loss, Grief and Bereavement
- Mouth Care
- Supporting People with Long Term Conditions
- Recognising and Responding to Patient Deterioration
- Psychological Wellbeing & Resilience in Social Care
- Nail Care

Need to know



CCG Funded Tablets and CLEAR Dementia Care App

The CCG's funded tablet scheme for care homes has been extended an additional 12 months. The scheme has seen tablets allocated to the majority of care homes as well as 8GB of funded data, to allow residents to communicate with loved ones, staff to access training and to allow homes to take part in virtual consultations, MDT's and further digital working. We do have a small number of spare devices for any providers who would benefit from these. Please contact sam.varo@nhs.net for further information.

Also now available on provider tablets in the CLEAR Dementia Care App which provides information about dementia and support for carers, including different types, the brain, symptoms, behaviours and loss. The app also includes a function to help record and chart behaviour, and contains illustrations and case examples to help us to understand the perspective of the person with dementia. To add to your tablet you will need to press the F4IT button, and the app will be showing under the app catalogue to download.

Moving Up
Developing the diversity of leaders in adult social care

The events of the past year have once again sparked much needed conversations surrounding race and diversity. For many this has been a time of reflection, while countless others have joined the global movement to fight racial inequality. More than ever before, it's important to offer opportunities and support to those from diverse backgrounds who wish to fulfil their career goals.

Our Moving Up programme is aimed at black, Asian and minority ethnic leaders who are wanting to take the next step in their learning and development. The programme itself supports managers who have the desire and drive to progress in their career, but are facing blockages and resistance preventing them from doing so.

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The poster features a large blue upward-pointing arrow on the right side, with two photographs of Black women. The top woman is smiling and looking towards the camera, while the bottom woman is looking down. The background is white with a blue grid pattern.

Moving Up Programme - New April Start Date Available

Skills for Care's "Moving Up" programme is aimed at black, Asian and minority ethnic leaders who are wanting to take the next step in their learning and development. It supports managers who have the desire and drive to progress in their career but are facing blockages and resistance preventing them from doing so. More than ever before, it's important to offer opportunities and support to those from diverse backgrounds who wish to fulfil their career goals. The programme is delivered through blended learning – a combination of self-learning modules and live online sessions starting on **Tuesday 12 April 2022**. To find out more please follow this [link](#).

Nursing Time Awards- Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for the Nursing Times Awards 2022 which close on **Friday 13 May**, and are open to the independent sector as well as the NHS. Categories this year include Nursing in Social Care, Care of Older People, Learning Disability Nursing, and Nurse Leader of the Year. Further information can be found through this [link](#)

Learning and Development Opportunities

Queens Nursing Institute- IPC Champions Virtual Meeting

**When: Thursday 31 March 2022
14.00-16.00**

The QNI will be holding an online event for the IPC Champions Network, which is open to all nurses and healthcare professionals in the UK. The IPC Champion Network aims to help maintain and continuously improve infection control standards across the care sector. The network is aiming to develop and support champions within the role of infection control,

Project ECHO Palliative Care Clinics- Palliative Care Emergency Clinic: Bowel Obstruction

**When: Wednesday 06 April 14.00-
15.00**

The Project ECHO team run through St Leonards Hospice and St Catherine's Hospice are hosting a series of clinics . 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.

thus providing excellence in care for patients.

To register please follow this [link](#).

To register please contact

ProjectECHOTeam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk

Further Information

Contacts for Incident Reporting- Updated Process

- To report any patient safety concerns regarding York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, please complete and submit this [form](#). For York Hospital please send to yhs-tr.s2s@nhs.net or for Scarborough Hospital to freya.oliver@york.nhs.uk. This will allow the Trust to continuously receipt, acknowledge and investigate these concerns.
- 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.

Research Opportunities for Care Providers

At the last Partners in Care Virtual Forum we heard from Lizzie Hancock from Fulford Nursing Home who championed how providers can benefit from taking part in research. It can provide new ideas to improve best practice and get a critical eye to challenge ways of working, as well as a great opportunity for staff and residents to get involved. There are a wide range of opportunities available to providers, and care homes are able to join the [ENRICH](#) register to automatically notified of news studies. A summary of some the opportunities currently available can be found through this [link](#), which includes:

- Defining and Measuring Safety in Older Adult's Care Homes Survey
- Skyline Study- Recruiting adults age 60+ who are cognitively unimpaired to receive either a study drug or treatment to prevent the onset of Alzheimer's Disease
- ClimaCare Study- Remotely indoor environment and the response of residents and staff in care homes, and sharing advice from international experts on how to improve your resilience in hot weather and heat waves.
- Join Dementia Research

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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