



Monday 04 April 2022

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](#)



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Changes to COVID-19 Guidance for Adult Social Care Providers- Summary and Webinars

Please find through this [link](#), a summary published by DHSC on 31 March summarising the changes that have been made to guidance including in relation to testing, PPE, admission/discharge and visiting arrangements. 3 upcoming webinars have been scheduled to summarise the changes and answer any questions providers may have:

- **6 April 2.30-3.15-** [DHSC webinar on changes to COVID-19 measures in care homes from April](#)
- **7 April 3.00-3.45-** [DHSC webinar on changes to COVID-19 measures in non-care home services \(including homecare\) from April](#)
- **29 April 10.15-11.15-** [DHSC webinar on supporting implementation of the Infection Prevention and Control: Resource for Adult Social Care guidance](#)

We know the situation remains extremely challenging for all those working in social care. If there is anything we can do to assist, then please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Partners in Care team.



Capacity Tracker Update

Please note that from **this evening**, the following amendments will be made to questions care homes are asked through the Capacity Tracker. These have been made following feedback to ensure only information is still required is collected, and to reduce time taken to complete. The domiciliary care/supported living questions are remaining under review, and the only change at this stage will be removal of flu vaccination questions.

- Care homes are asked to continue updating bed vacancy information **daily**, as this makes a big difference in supporting rapid discharges from hospital into the community.
- The following fields will be removed altogether- Flu vaccination, IPC questions, operating status, testing, training requirements and clinical support questions.
- The remaining questions are now required to be updated **weekly**, which includes a new field added to reflect residents who have received their spring booster dose. They are used by ourselves and your local authorities to target support to those requiring it, and used nationally to understand challenges faced by the sector.



#Celebrating Social Care

During April, Skills for Care are celebrating the importance of social care. It's been two years since COVID-19 first spread in the UK and the country went into lockdown. Throughout these two years our social care sector has faced challenges never seen before, and the people working in social care have continued to adapt and show up to keep our communities safe and supported.

While they work hard to recognise and support the achievements of the social care sector year-round, this dedicated month is a time to encourage everyone to really take time to shout out the importance of social care and the dedication and skills of the people who work within it. They would love you to join in and 'shout out' your colleagues and partners or share something you're particularly proud of that you did during the pandemic via social media. So, during April, please share your own message or short video using #CelebratingSocialCare. You can follow this [link](#) for more ideas about how to take part.

Need to know



Introducing our new Become a Care Home Friend Challenge!

My Home Life England have created an exciting 10 week challenge for young people aged 5-14. Through completing fun activities each week, they will:

- Learn about care homes and the people that live and work in them
- Make/write something to share with a nearby care home
- Think more about different ages and different generations

At the end they will earn their very own Care Home Friend certificate. The Challenge starts on 25 April in Global Intergenerational Week and ends in Care Home Open Week. Activities have been written by teachers and are tailored to Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. Please share with anyone who might be interested. They

would particularly encourage schools to take part. Further information on the challenge can be found through this [link](#).



Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection Recording

For those unable to attend, you are now able to access the a [video](#) shown at the national service hosted in London to mark the Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection. This includes reflections from a range of staff across different roles, reflecting on the contributions that all those in the sector have made and challenges they have been faced with over the difficult last 2 years.

End of Life Care Lunch and Learn Sessions- What Matters to You Conversations

When: Tuesday 05 May 12.30-1.15

The North East and Yorkshire Palliative and End of Life Care Strategic Clinical Network will holding a lunch and learn session focused on what matters to you conversations. These sessions are designed to help and share good practice from across the region, and share any ideas and challenges you may have. To obtain joining details please contact: sharmine.ahmed2@nhs.net

Assessment and Diagnosis of Dementia: A Personalised Approach eLearning

The above course has now been available on Health Education England's eLearning hub. It has been developed by University College London (UCL) in partnership with NHS England and Improvement's Dementia and OPMH Policy team to support colleagues involved in assessment and diagnosis of dementia to deliver a flexible, person centred service. 20 sessions within the course cover a

range of topics including cognitive assessment, considerations for different modes of consultation, and post diagnosis support.

For more information and to access the course, please visit the [Assessment and Diagnosis of Dementia: A Personalised Approach programme page](#).

Learning and Development Opportunities

Skills for Care Masterclass: Using Facebook to Boost Your Recruitment and Retention

When: Tuesday 12 April 2022 10:00-11:30

Are you looking for creative ways to attract and retain high-quality candidates for your social care organisation? Would you like to know the latest best practice in social media marketing? Join us for a series of social media masterclasses with a digital marketing expert.

To register your place please follow this [link](#)

Enhancing Care for Older People Webinar Series- 'Safe or Sedentary? Promoting physical activity with older people'

When: Tuesday 26 April 1.30-3.00

Academic Health Sciences Network for the North East and North Cumbria are hosting this webinar, linked to the Enhanced Care for Older People Competency Framework (EnCOP) The session will be delivered by Róisín Fallen-Bailey, Physiotherapist & HEE/NIHR Pre-Doctoral clinical academic fellow at Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

To register your place please follow this [link](#). The session is free and open to all.

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.



Join the next virtual meeting of The Outstanding Society

When: Thursday 21 April 2022, 13:00 - 14:30

The Outstanding Society welcomes all regulated care providers regardless of rating to join their regular online events and learn about the latest best practice. The next meeting focuses on using complaints as a means to improve. It includes The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO).

To book your place 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