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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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Masks in Care Settings Reminder

A quick reminder that guidance around mask use within care settings has not changed, and staff should still be wearing a face mask when at work. This includes both with residents, and when with colleagues or undertaking training. If staff remove masks for eating/drinking then they should be at least 2m apart. The most recent guidance can be found through this [link](#) which includes the requirements for staff and visitors, as well as appropriate PPE to wear when performing specific activities.

IPC Bulletins- PPE and Respiratory and Cough Hygiene

The latest bulletins from the Community Infection Prevention and Control Team for care homes and domiciliary providers focus on 'Personal protective equipment' and 'Respiratory and cough hygiene'. These cover risk assessment to establish the appropriate level of PPE for an activity is, donning and doffing, and a link to a useful respiratory hygiene poster. Links to the bulletins can be found below:

- [Care Home Bulletin](#)
- [Domiciliary Care Bulletin](#)



Partners in Care Virtual Forum

Partners in Care will take place this week on **Thursday 05 May 2.00-2.45**. This week we will have a range of updates relevant to providers including an update on the latest learning and development opportunities and initiatives available through Skills for Care.

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 network is open to all providers and partner organisations as an opportunity to receive updates, share learning and raise any issues or queries with fellow providers and a range of partner organisations. If you don't have the calendar invite but would wish to join then please get in touch.

Need to know



We are Social Care Nurses

The April edition of the "We are Social Care Nurses" bulletin from Skills for Care can be found through this [link](#). This month's bulletin includes columns on the value of preceptorship for social care nurses, an update from the Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Deborah Sturdy, and thoughts on how social care nurses play an essential role in preventing illness, protecting health and promoting wellbeing. To subscribe to the bulletin please follow this [link](#).



Dying to Talk Café- Pickering

When: Friday 6 May 1.30-3.30 at Pickering Methodist Church

St Leonards Hospice are holding a free session this week in Pickering, which you can drop into at any time for tea, cake and conversation around death, dying and bereavement. A poster for the event can be found through this [link](#).



Testing and Vaccination Experiences Survey- Closing Today

As COVID-19 restrictions lift, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) wants to hear from health and adult social care workers about their testing and vaccination experiences. With your help, they can better understand colleagues' needs and concerns, and develop tailored resources focused on staff safety. [Take this quick survey](#) to be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win one of two £250 Tesco vouchers. **Survey closes 3 May 2022 (Today)**

Has the National Recruitment Campaign Helped You?

The Department of Health and Social Care's national recruitment campaign for adult social care, 'Made with Care', came to an end on 31 March after six months of advertising. Campaign evaluation is now underway, and they need to know whether it has been effective in supporting the adult social care sector to recruit new staff. Please complete [this survey](#) by **Friday 13 May** to tell them about the impact it's had on your organisation. Any future phases of the campaign will be developed based on the results of this survey, along with wider sector research and insight.

Learning and Development Opportunities

Skills for Care Webinar- New Managers

When: Wednesday 18 May 10:00-10:45

This webinar is for all new managers. Whether you're new to the role in the past year or you're stepping up into management for the first time, the webinar will provide an introduction to how Skills for Care can help you to be successful. You'll hear about practical ways to recruit, develop and lead your teams, as well as how to further your own development and different ways to connect with peer support and local expertise.

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

Enhancing Care for Older People Webinar Series- Mouthcare Matters

When: Thursday 19 May 2022
1.30-3.00

The 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 led by Paula Darkin, Mouth Care Lead Dental Nurse / Trainer, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust

To register for the session please follow this [link](#)

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 vas.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.

Diabetes- Insulin Administration in Care Providers Pilot

Tara Kadis from the Diabetes Team at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust attended Partners in Care Virtual Forum, to share details of a pilot opportunity for carers to take on administer insulin in residents with Type 2 diabetes. This opportunity is open to any care providers (including domiciliary and supported living) who would be interested, and use a competency framework developed and supported by district nurses and the diabetes team. Residents who receive district nursing visits would remain under the care of the team and receive at least weekly visits.

The pilot aims to enhance personalised care by ensuring continuity of care for residents and that they receive injections at a time appropriate to their routine/care plan. It is also designed to support development of care staff, and minimise COVID-19 transmission by reducing number of visiting staff entering your service. The full

slides from the update can be found through this [link](#), and for more information you can either speak to your district nurse or contact Tara.Kadis@york.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