

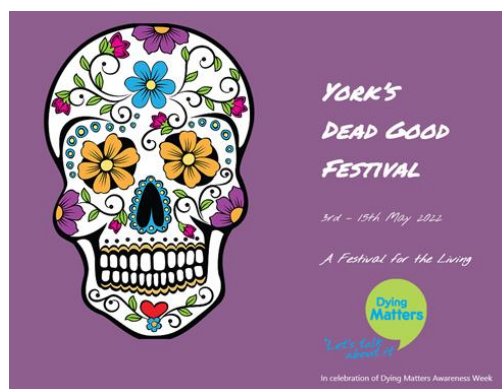


**Monday 09 May 2022**

## 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](#)



## York's Dead Good Festival

Running from **3 to 15 May**, [York's Dead Good Festival](#) coincides with Dying Matters Awareness Week, with the aim of encouraging people to be more open about dying, death and bereavement. Lots of events throughout York including performances, informative talks, crafts, discussions, and more, many of which are free. This includes

a free [Playback Theatre evening](#), where you can come and share your stories of life, death and everything in between and have them transformed into theatre right in front of you. Some of the events taking place over the coming week include:

- Tuesday 10 May- Experiences of Grief During COVID-19
- Wednesday 11 May- A Look Behind the Scenes at York Crematorium
- Thursday 12 May- Mindful Walking at Rossmoor Park
- Friday 13 May- Self Care Following Bereavement
- Saturday 14 May- Nutrition and Bereavement
- Sunday 15 May- Showing of "Dead Good" Documentary at CityScreen



## **VIVALDI Study- Reducing Infection in Care Homes**

Researchers at University College London are leading the national VIVALDI study (COVID-19 in care homes) and would like to partner with providers in England and find new ways of reducing infection in care homes. Information on the Vivaldi study, which is running in 330 care homes in England is available [here](#). If you are interested in taking part please email Professor Laura Shallcross at: [covid19@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:covid19@ucl.ac.uk).

## **Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice- Consultation**

The government is updating the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice and considering a new system of safeguards. This new system will replace the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. Find the main consultation [here](#). DHSC are holding events for people with lived experience to provide feedback on their new system, to sign-up for the events please fill in and submit this [form](#)

## Need to know



### CCG Quality Improvement and Training Programmes

A reminder that the CCG's 5 current quality improvement and training programmes remain available to any providers who feel they would be beneficial. Further information on all these programmes can be found through our [training page](#), and these can be delivered in person or virtually. The programmes currently available are below- For any queries please contact [h.degnan1@nhs.net](mailto:h.degnan1@nhs.net).

- **Identifying and Responding to Deteriorating Residents (Stop and Watch)-** Training develops care staff skills and knowledge in recognising deterioration how to respond to change. Training includes communication skills and how to use the SBAR (situation, background, assessment, and recommendations) tool to help care staff relay accurate, relevant, and timely information to other health and care services including GPs and District Nurses. Care staff are supported to use the tools and how to embed this change in to practice.
- **React to Red for Pressure Ulcer Prevention-** Education package using a simple yet effective framework supporting carers in recognising when an individual may be at increased risk of pressure ulcer development and the simple steps that can be taken to avoid them. The framework known as 'SSKIN' prompts carers to consider key areas important in maintaining skin integrity.
- **React to Falls Prevention-** Uses resources including video, workbook and self-assessment skills booklet to support carers in recognising when an individual may be at increased risk of falls, and the steps that can be taken to reduce these risks. Homes encouraged to use a 'days between falls board' to monitor falls and celebrate as days between goals are reached; along with a prompt sheet to help carers learn from previous falls, identify residents they have concerns about and

discuss appropriate actions they can implement to help reduce those identified risks and concerns. React to Falls Prevention' identifies 3 key areas of risk: Physical, Behavioural and Environmental; and the subsequent use of a simple framework that prompts carers to consider these risks.

•**Improving Hydration in Care Home Residents-** Face to face training and the use of workbooks to explore ways of improving service user hydration. Care homes will be supported to evaluate their current hydration assessment and monitoring tools and progress improvements where appropriate. Training includes good continence care, catheter hygiene, including advice around the 'No Dip' principles for testing urine in suspected UTI.

•**PPE and Hand Hygiene-** Face to face or virtual training around hand hygiene (technique and product) and appropriate use of PPE. This includes donning and doffing- putting on and taking off, where to store, where to don/doff, the correct order to don/doff and safe disposal of used PPE.



## Pulse Oximeter and Tablets for Provider Initiatives

At the start of the pandemic, the CCG allocated pulse oximeter devices to care homes and some supported living providers, to help take observations of a resident who you may have concerns about and in support of virtual consultations (or Telemedicine calls for those who now have the service). There are a stock of devices remaining for any providers requiring them.

The CCG's funded tablet scheme for care homes has also 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.

For further information on these initiatives please contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)



## 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.

## 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](#)

### Project ECHO Palliative Care Clinics- Palliative Care Emergency Clinic: Superior Vena Cava Obstruction (SVCO)

**When:** Friday 20 May 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.

To register please contact:  
[ProjectECHOTeam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk](mailto: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](mailto:yhs-tr.s2s@nhs.net) or for Scarborough Hospital to [freya.oliver@york.nhs.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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### 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.

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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](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)