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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](#)



Proof of Vaccination and Testing Reminder for Those Visiting Care Homes

A reminder that care providers no longer need to ask visitors for proof of vaccination status. Visiting health professionals will continue to perform regular LFT or LAMP testing, however please note that staff who do not interact with residents such as delivery drivers from Medequip and NRS are not required to test. All visiting staff do however need to ensure good hand and respiratory hygiene (including the use of a fresh mask in the building). The caveat to this

guidance is the situation remains fluid and if we see a rise in cases this may change.



World Continence Week: 20-26 June

This month marks World Continence Week, and the continence team at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be holding a series of events across the week relevant to care providers. A full itinerary can be found through this [link](#), which sessions on catheter care and continence products. They have also produced a [poster](#) providing guidance on how to support continence through fluid intake, exercise, diet and a good bowel routine.



Partners in Care Virtual Forum

Partners in Care will be back this week and will take place **Thursday 16 June 2.00-2.45**. This week we will have a range of updates relevant to providers, as well as the opportunity to raise any issues with services and fellow providers, and share learning and good news.

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



National Apprenticeship Awards- Applications Now Open

The National Apprenticeships Awards are a fantastic opportunity to showcase the apprentices, employers and champions who have gone above and beyond, despite the challenges faced during the last year. Entries to the awards are open until **1 July** and it's free to enter. There are nine categories, which between them recognise exceptional employers, apprentices, and apprenticeship champions. To find out more about the awards and submit your application, please follow this [link](#). In the meantime, you can join the conversation on Twitter using @Apprenticeships and #AppAwards22



Capacity Tracker Update- Action for Care Homes

Care homes will have received national communications regarding upcoming changes to vacancy information on the Capacity Tracker, to make information more precise for those looking for vacancies. Providers will be able to state whether vacant beds are either available to accept a new admission, reserved or unavailable to new admissions. It is anticipated these changes will go live later this month, but a more precise timescale will be communicated.

Do I Need to Take any Action Ahead of the Changes?

Yes. To make sure everything runs smoothly, please take a minute to check...

1. That 'Maximum Capacity' minus 'Vacancies' equals 'The total number of residents today'
2. 'The total number of residents today' is not greater than 'The number known to have had the FIRST DOSE of the COVID vaccination in the UK'.

If you're not sure what to do, there's a short guide available from this [link](#) which explains this in more detail.

NHSX Tablet Scheme for Care Homes

We have sent communications to the care homes we understood received iPad's in winter 2020 through national scheme run by NHSX to support remote consultations for residents with health services, and communication with families. It has been confirmed that support for these devices will cease after **30 June 2022**. This means that you will need to take the actions detailed in the [FAQ's](#), or any data (including photos, messages and apps) will be erased and the device factory reset. Providers can keep the devices but there is an option to return if you prefer. For further information or queries please contact: ipad.offer@nhsx.nhs.uk

Please note this does **not** affect the devices from the CCG tablet scheme- Where providers were allocated Samsung Tablets in spring 2020. Support for these devices has been agreed for until March 2024.



Post Covid Inter Care Home and Supported Living Summer Olympics- Update and Bulletin

This week marks the start of our exciting monthly long campaign to support care providers in getting residents active this summer to fight de-conditioning, as well as compete with each other for our overall care provider Olympic title! We have 15 providers currently signed up from across both younger adults and older adults care, and from all parts of the North Yorkshire and York area.

Through this link you can find the first edition of our weekly olympic update which gives tips and resources so promote activity in care settings, as well as updates on how our competitors are getting on. The campaign will run from **Monday 13 June** and **Friday 24 July**, and providers are able to host their event on any day of their choosing during that period. There's still plenty of time to enter your provider and challenges for the overall trophies! For information please follow this [link](#) which includes our competitor guide, and for queries or to enter please contact sam.varo@nhs.net.



Safeguarding Week: 20-24 June 2022

Safeguarding Week will take place in June across North Yorkshire, City of York and the East Riding. Developed for both professional and public audiences, the online programme of seminars offers a [packed schedule of over 50 sessions](#) across the week, which will each be delivered by inspirational and motivational speakers, all of whom are experts in their field. The programme of events will be delivered virtually allowing attendees to fit the sessions into their working day or evening activities.

The sessions designed for the public will raise awareness of key issues and provide insight into how every member of the public can safeguard themselves, their families and support the wider community.

Learning and Development Opportunities

Project ECHO Palliative Care Clinics- Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone Secretion (SIADH)

When: Tuesday 14 June 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 [The Project ECHO Team](#)

Bitesize Cervical Screening Training

To mark Cervical Screening Awareness Week (Monday 20 June – Sunday 26 June 2022), Humber and North Yorkshire Cancer Alliance is supporting Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust campaign to raise awareness of NHS Cervical Screening by offering free bitesize cervical screening training. The session will teach people about:

- the signs and symptoms of cervical cancer
- the HPV vaccination programme
- what happens at a cervical screening test
- hints, tips and experiences that will help women and people with a cervix feel more able to book a test

Reserve your place on a bitesize cervical screening session by following this [link](#). Sessions are taking place from **Monday 20 June** until **Friday 09 July**.

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.

Enhanced Health in Care Homes Framework (EHCH) Refresh Regional Workshop

When: Tuesday 14th June, 10:00 – 11:30

NHS England and Improvement are hosting a North East and Yorkshire wide workshop, which may be of particular interest for those from general practices who work with care homes.

They are inviting people to share your thoughts on what they can improve and add to the Enhanced Health in Care Homes (EHCH) Framework. The NHS Long-Term Plan made a commitment to the national roll out of the EHCH framework to all care homes in England by 2024. A key priority for the EHCH programme this year is to refresh the framework to ensure we capture the different ways of working that the pandemic enabled and best practice from these changes; and to ensure recommended best practice in the framework is up to date.

To express your interest in attending this workshop please register by emailing england.communitycare@nhs.net with the following information:

Name:

Job title:

Organisation:

Date of your workshop: 14 June 2022

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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