



**Care Homes and
Domiciliary Care**

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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](#)



Masks and PPE Reminder- Visiting Staff in Care Homes

We have had a number of queries of care providers in relation to whether visiting staff entering services still need to wear face masks and appropriate PPE. This does still remain the case, and while guidance has changed for wearing these in NHS settings it is a still requirement in social care settings (Both for staff and those visiting). We have reiterated this message to teams from GP Practices and hospital/community teams, but if you have any further queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Discussions are taking place at national level regarding future requirements for social care, and we understand changes to social care guidance will be forthcoming in due course to mirror the changes in the NHS.

Health Service Update- Introduction of Integrated Care Systems

From **01 July** new legislation will come into place, meaning the **NHS Vale of York CCG and all other CCG's nationally will cease to exist and their responsibilities transferred to Integrated Care Systems (ICS's)** covering a wider geographical footprint. For our area this will be the NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. These changes have been introduced to promote collaborative working between the NHS, local councils, the voluntary and community sector, other health and care and public sector organisations and our local communities. Joint working has been underpinned by a shared belief that we are more successful in bringing about change and improving the lives of our local populations if we work together.

Please be assured that these changes will not impact the support available through the Quality and Nursing team, which will remain available to all providers within our area and staff will be continuing in their posts. Teams and functions across the CCG will continue to operate at local "place" level for both North Yorkshire and York.

Further information can be found through a [set of slides](#) shown at last weeks Partners in Care Virtual Forum, and also through our [website](#).



Care Home and Supported Living Olympics- Week 1 Update

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! There are 18 providers currently signed up from all across the area and from younger and older adults care, who are working hard to put their events together. We continue to share our [Olympic Update](#) to share how our providers are getting on, as well as ideas and tips to support physical activity. This week's bulletin includes:

- How service users and staff from Sherbutt House in Pocklington are being supported to increase movement and activity through weekly sessions at the local leisure centre. Volunteers help deliver a wide range of fun activities including playing tennis, football, and basketball among others.
- The latest providers who have registered to take part in the Olympics- Including New Lodge, Riccall House, Sherbutt House, William Wilberforce Care Home, Carentan House and United Response York.
- How to find activity groups for both staff and service users, for services in the City of York area.

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.

Need to know



Congratulations Paul Evans MBE

We have previously shared the story of Paul, who works as a Senior Carer at The Lodge Care Home in Hemingbrough. Paul has already received the Silver Award in the Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Awards, and we're delighted has now been awarded an MBE in the recent Platinum Jubilee honours for his service to social care and nursing. As well as his work within the home supporting those with learning disabilities throughout, he also acts as a communication champion within the community which has included setting up a deaf hub and supporting homelessness services. Congratulations to Paul on your achievement



Hot Weather and Heatwave Information

In preparation for the summer ahead and the hot weather we have already begun to experience, please see the following links to guidance that can help you plan and be prepared for when we may experience a heatwave.

- The [Heatwave Plan for England](#) aims to prepare, alert and prevent people from the preventable health impacts from severe heat in England.
- [Supporting Vulnerable People Before and During a Heatwave](#) (Guide for Health and Social Care Staff) This is part of a national programme to reduce the health

risks by alerting people to the dangers and encouraging them to plan what to do in the event of a heatwave.

- [Supporting Vulnerable People Before and During a Heatwave](#) (Care Homes Managers and Staff)- You should read this if you work in or manage a care home, where people are especially at risk during a heatwave. This link outlines the [roles and responsibilities required at each level](#).
- [Beat the Heat- Staying Safe in Hot Weather](#): This document will tell you how to stay safe in hot weather, including how to keep your home cool. It tells you who is at greatest risk of ill health from the heat, how to recognise when you or someone's health may be affected, and what to do if you or someone else becomes unwell as a result of the heat.



For Awareness- Leeds Area Care Home Break In's

We're making providers aware that there have been a high number of break in's (18 over recent months) have been reported in care homes, which have been confined to the Armley and Headingley areas of Leeds so far. Care home break-ins in the past have been known to be by organised crime gangs so please be aware and raise awareness of this issue in your area. You can get additional advice from your local police hub. In Leeds, some officers have conducted inspections of the homes to help them improve security. In North Yorkshire we have seen an increase of contacts and visitors to Care Homes so please ensure you check ID and be extra vigilant around the home and outside



Project ECHO- Advance Care Planning Network

The local Project ECHO Team would like to invite participants to their upcoming Advance Care Planning ECHO Networks which aim to develop, share and

enhance skills needed to lead conversations on end of life care preferences. More information is contained in through this [flyer](#). Two networks will be running- one in July and one in September. For further information please contact:

ProjectECHOTeam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk

Capacity Tracker Update- Vacancy Information

Changes have now taken place to the Capacity Tracker affecting vacancy questions for care homes, to make information more precise for those looking for vacancies. Providers will be able to state whether vacant beds:

- Available to accept a new admission,
- Reserved
- Unavailable to new admissions (With ability to choose reasons for this- Such as staffing, outbreak or redecoration)



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.

Learning and Development Opportunities

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**.



Skills for Care Webinar- The Journey to Keeping your Staff

When: Wednesday 29 June 10.00-12.30

This online session will focus on retaining a happy and healthy workforce. You will be joined by a range of speakers to discuss how to overcome the roadblocks, barriers and potholes towards retaining your staff, such as values, positive culture, supportive induction and supervision, learning and development and wellbeing.

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 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.



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.

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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

