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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](#)

## Health Service Changes in Our Area - Introduction of Integrated Care Systems

A reminder that from 01 July, the NHS Vale of York CCG along with six other CCG's in our area will become part of the new NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. New legislation means these bodies (ICS's) covering a wider geographical footprint will now be responsible for health commissioning and CCG's will cease to exist. 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](#), and also through our [website](#)



### Health & Social Care; Achieving Excellence Together

Are you a care worker or nurse working in social care within Yorkshire and Humber?

**This day is for YOU!**

Building on the success of our previous conferences we are back and better than before. Places are FREE but limited so get booked in asap!

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**  
08.30 - 16.30

Venue: The Principal Hotel, Station Road York, YO24 1AA

## Places Going Fast- Health and Social Care: Achieving Excellence Together

Following the success of our last conference in late 2019, we will be holding an event this winter designed for care homes and those working to support them from across health and social care. This promises to be an exciting opportunity to hear the latest work taking place in our area, and will include an update from Deborah Sturdy (Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care in England) as well as topics including hydration, digital solutions, Liberty Protection Standards, community care and more. Further information on the event can be found through this [link](#). Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To book your place please contact: [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)



**National  
Patient  
Safety Alert**

## National Patient Safety Alert- Vernacare Hygiene Products

This is to make you aware if you have not yet received it that a [national patient safety alert](#) has just been issued regarding the contamination of hygiene products manufactured by Vernacare with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Products include wetwipes, bed bath washcloths and shampoo caps produced at its Lancashire facility.

Please can you check if you have any of the affected products and follow the advice on the alert to withdraw them for use. The alert only applies to the products listed on the document.

If your service does not receive safety alerts already, please register to receive these with the central alerting system by emailing [safetyalerts@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:safetyalerts@mhra.gov.uk) and providing the following information

- Full name of organisation
- Business of organisation (e.g., school/charity/care home etc)
- First name
- Last name
- Job title
- Full postal address
- Email address for CAS alerts (this should be an email that is checked daily)
- Contact number

## Need to know



### Care Home and Supported Living Olympics- Week 2 Update

We have just completed week two of our summer campaign to support providers to get those in their care active and moving to fight de-conditioning. The first providers have now starting hold their events, and teams across the 23 young adults and older adults services currently taking part are working hard to plan their activities and compete for our overall care provider Olympic title! 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 the team at Abbey Lea in Barby made sure everybody was included in their Olympic event, including activities for those residents in bed.
- Updates from Neville House in Skipton who hosted a wide range of activities for their residents.
- New from other providers on the plans they have for their event- and compete for the trophies!
- Active ageing projects currently taking place through York St John University.
- Support those with learning disabilities through physical activity.

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



## Elwyn's Story

You may recently have seen in York Press the story of Elwyn, a 98 year old resident at Connaught Court in York who is thought to be the UK's oldest working tailor. Elwyn has been a tailor since the age of the 13 and the home are supporting him to continue to do so, with space set aside for him which he says keeps him "active and occupied, it gives me a focus, provides challenges and keeps my brain working". Recently Elwyn marked National Sewing Machine Day earlier in June, by creating customised waistcoats for his fellow residents and others in the local community, donating all his earnings to charities. The full story can be found through this [link](#).



## Final Reminder- Publish Your DSPT by 30 June

Care providers still have time to publish their Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) for 2021/22. The deadline is 30 June. If your DSPT is out of date, you can't use it as evidence of your current data and cyber security arrangements. The local Better Security, Better Care Team run by NHS England and Improvement provide free training and support to providers in completing their DSPT, and can provide 1:1 support as required. They can be contacted through: [england.dsptney@nhs.net](mailto:england.dsptney@nhs.net)

## NHSX Ipad Scheme for Care Homes- Final Reminder

It has been confirmed that support for any Ipad's homes have that were allocated as part of this an offer in winter 2020, 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](mailto: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.

## Learning and Development Opportunities



### 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](#):



### 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](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 [vas.patientrelations@nhs.net](mailto: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.



### 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

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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)



