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Our North Yorkshire and York Care Providers

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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 across North Yorkshire and York. [Please click here to bookmark these pages](#)



Message from the Author- Goodbye and Thank You

After 280 editions of the Partners in Care Bulletin, I will be hanging up my keyboard following this issue and leaving my role at the ICB for pastures new. It has been a pleasure working with so many passionate and dedicated colleagues from across our North Yorkshire and York adult social care sector over the last 7 years, and seeing how you and your teams go above and beyond daily to deliver high-quality person-centred care for some of the most vulnerable in our communities. The bulletin was designed to bring you the latest updates, news, guidance and opportunities to support you in your roles, and share some of the fantastic learning and best practice from across our sector- which we hope it has done and will continue to do so. It's been a privilege to be able to coordinate the bulletin and our engagement programmes and work with collaboratively with you and your teams across a wide range of different initiatives over the years, as our team has evolved and grown to now cover over 400 individual providers. The amount of talent and innovation we have in our care sector across North Yorkshire and York is and will continue to be truly inspiring.

The Quality and Nursing Team continue to be available to support you and your teams, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can support you with. To find out more about our offer please follow this link to our website, or contact hnyicb-voy.yorkplacequalitynursingteam@nhs.net.

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Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in Adult Social Care: Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) Guidance

On 01 February 2024, the government published new guidance which replaces the 'COVID-19 supplement to the infection prevention and control resources for adult social care'. The new guidance is found here: [Infection prevention and control \(IPC\) in adult social care: acute respiratory infection \(ARI\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/infection-prevention-and-control-ipc-in-adult-social-care-acute-respiratory-infection-ari)

Please [see interim guidance produced by the North Yorkshire Council Public Health Team](#) available through this link. This will be updated when final guidance documents are released. It is consistent with the approach of managing COVID-19 increasingly in line with other ARIs, made possible by high vaccination coverage, high immunity amongst the population, and increased access to COVID-19 treatments. Please continue to follow the local recommendations below within all settings:

- Ensure business continuity plans are reviewed regularly
- Continue to risk assess mask wearing in settings (should be worn when caring for anyone with suspected or confirmed acute respiratory infection)
- Maintain a low symptom threshold to reduce transmission of respiratory viruses
- Continue to report cases to UKHSA
- Utilise testing for admission into settings, and testing within settings where appropriate, to support management of cases of respiratory viruses
- Ensure you maintain a stock of tests and check for expiration dates



Introduction of ReSPECT Process Briefing for Providers

The York and North Yorkshire area is moving towards the adoption of the ReSPECT process. The aim of this is to promote a more patient-centred and consistent approach to advanced care planning. Over the coming year, you will see the introduction of ReSPECT documentation and eventually the phasing out of the “red bordered” DNACPR forms. In order to support staff with this, a number of sessions are planned to talk through the process, and enable you to ask questions. The following sessions, lasting approximately 1.5 hours, are currently available:

- 17.5.24 10.00- The ReSPECT process: a guide for care staff – held on MS Teams; suitable for all working in the social care sector
- 6.6.24 10.00- The ReSPECT process: a guide for care staff – held face to face in the Education Centre, Saint Catherine’s Hospice, Scarborough; suitable for all working in the social care sector

- 19.7.24 10.00- The ReSPECT process: a guide for LD and autism providers – held on MS teams; suitable for any staff caring for clients with learning disabilities and/or autism
- 17.9.24 10.00- The ReSPECT process: a guide for care staff – held on MS Teams and suitable for all working in the social care sector
- 14.10.24 10.00- The ReSPECT process: a guide for LD and autism providers – held face to face in the Education Centre, Saint Catherine’s Hospice, Scarborough; suitable on MS teams for any staff caring for clients with learning disabilities and/or autism

There will also be a session on ReSPECT on the *Palliative care for care staff study day* run at St Catherine’s on 8 July

Further dates, including face to face sessions in other locations across the area, will be circulated over the coming months.

To book onto any of these sessions, or to discuss how we can support your organisation with the ReSPECT roll out please email:

sarah.holloway@saintcatherines.org.uk.



Care Connected- Your North Yorkshire and York Care Provider Forum

Thank you to all those who joined us last week at Care Connected. The slides from the meeting can be found through this [link](#) along with slides from all previous meetings. Care Connected is open to all care providers and partner organisations from across North Yorkshire and York. The group is facilitated jointly by City of York Council, North Yorkshire Council and NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB and designed to help you access the updates relevant to you and your teams from across health and social care in one single place. The meeting takes place through Microsoft Teams every two weeks and the next session will take place on **Wednesday 21 February**.

Need to Know



Infection Prevention Control Bulletin- Scabies

The Community IPC Team have produced a series of bulletins for providers to support recognition of scabies, how it is transmitted and appropriate response through isolation, environmental cleaning, reporting and treatment. To view the posters please follow the below links:

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



Capacity Tracker- DHSC Mandatory Submission Reminder

A reminder to all CQC registered care homes and providers of domiciliary services, that the window will be opening this week for the mandated Department of Health and Social Care submission through the Capacity Tracker. All providers must complete the tracker at least once during this period at a condition of registration. The window this month falls between the **8 February** and **14 February**, and there are potential fines as a last resort for providers who do not update- so please be mindful of this. Further information on how the regulations will be enforced can be found through this link. A reminder this doesn't replace the need for more regular (preferably daily) usage to allow local authority and health partners to support providers. For any support regarding the Capacity Tracker please contact the national helpdesk on: **0191 691 3729**



St Leonard's Hospice MND Drop in and Complimentary Therapy Service

When: First and Third Wednesday's of the month 1:00-3:00 at St Leonard's Hospice.

This new service has been developed by St Leonard's Hospice in association with the MND Association York Group who has provided funding to pilot a complementary therapy offering for people living with motor neurone disease. Referrals for complementary therapy will be accepted from the MND specialist nurses. They will also be running an MND drop-in between 1pm and 3pm on the same dates. This is open to anyone living with MND and does not require a referral. Just turn up! Further information can be found in this [information leaflet](#).



Rise in Measles Cases – Check You and Your Family Have Had the MMR Vaccine

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) recently declared a national incident as a result of a rise in measles cases across the UK. Measles is a viral illness that spreads very easily through airborne transmission. Measles is more than just a rash and can lead to serious complications including meningitis and blindness.

All staff should be up to date with their routine immunisations, including tetanus, diphtheria, polio and MMR (measles, mumps and rubella). Two doses of the MMR vaccine gives 99% life-long protection against measles – you can check your vaccination status with your GP practice if unsure. Unvaccinated individuals who come into contact with someone with measles may be asked isolate for up to 21 days, which is the length of time it can take to develop the illness after being in contact with a measles case.

It is never too late to catch up on any missed doses of MMR vaccination; people can request any missed doses at any age. Getting vaccinated not only protects you, but also helps protect people you work with and care for.

Learning and Development Opportunities



Free GOLD webinar: Menopause and Learning Disabilities

When: Tuesday 12 March at
12.30 via Zoom

In this webinar, Dr Louise Newson will be talking about hormones, perimenopause and menopause. She will cover common symptoms and health risks of the menopause and treatments including HRT. Louise will also share information resources and where to find them, for people who have learning disabilities.

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



CareFind Training Dates for Care Homes

CareFind is a Free website available to all Care Home providers nationally to promote services and vacancies to the public. The system is linked to the Capacity Trackers and gives providers the option to opt in if they wish to be publicly viewable on CareFind. Training dates for providers continue to be available with upcoming dates below.

- [Thursday 15 February 2.00-3.30](#)
- [Tuesday 20 February 3.00-4.30](#)
- [Wednesday 21 February 2.00-3.30](#)
- [Thursday 22 February 11.00-12.30](#)

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](#) and send to yhstr.s2s@nhs.net 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.

Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Awards- Nominate Your Team!

The Chief Nurse Awards are an opportunity to recognise the outstanding contribution made by social care staff, and celebrate those who go above and beyond in their work, provide outstanding care, commitment and inspiration to colleagues. As well as being able to nominate individual staff members for a gold and silver award, there is now also the chance to nominate your team!

Further information on the award including the nomination criteria can be found through this [link](#). We would encourage providers to have a think about staff meet these criteria and deserve recognition.

We're happy to support with any nominations, and if you submit an application please copy us in so we can also celebrate the outstanding work undertaken everyday by care staff in our area.

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Do you have.....

- thoughts or comments to share?
- news that you would like to feature in the bulletin?

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