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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](#)



## Scarborough, Ryedale and Whitby Provider Specific Palliative Care Training Opportunities

**Introduction to Palliative Care**- 18 April/19 September. Designed for nurses new to delivering palliative care in any setting in Scarborough, Whitby or Ryedale. Topics include introduction to community palliative care, recognising dying and advance care planning

**Verification of Expected Death-** Sessions Through 2023. Designed for nurses and will provide all the training and skills needed for competency.

**Syringe Driver Training-** Nurse based sessions providing training and skills needed for competency. Consists of 2 sessions, one a practical session on how to use the driver and the second is focussed on the use of end of life drugs.

\* Further details of syringe driver training for **Harrogate**, and **Vale of York** Providers can be found through these links. Providers who have the Immedicare service can also access **Verification of Expected Death Training** through them.



## T34 Syringe Driver Request- Scarborough, Ryedale and Whitby Nursing Homes

If you have not done so already please can you return any old CME T34 syringe drivers to Medical Engineering Department at Scarborough Hospital either via post or transport. Please check all drawers and cupboards for any that you may have stored away. They are identified by having T34 on the label. The newer syringe drivers models provided have BD Bodyguard T on the them.

The address to return devices to is: Medical Engineering Department, Scarborough Hospital, Woodlands Drive, Scarborough, YO12 6QL. For any further queries please contact: [shaun.bryan1@nhs.net](mailto:shaun.bryan1@nhs.net)



## Disposal of Expired Test Kits

NHS Test & trace have identified a number of COVID-19 test kits being registered are past their expiry date. They ask that you check the expiry dates of your test stock, both onsite and test kits staff have at home, before use and dispose of any expired kits. If you require replacements for any expired test kits, please place an order on the [ordering portal](#) or contact 119 who will be able to assist you.

If you have one carton of expired test kits these can be disposed of in general household rubbish or as clinical waste. The outer box the test kits came in can be recycled subject to your local recycling arrangements.

If there is more than one carton providers must inform their waste contractor that they are disposing of unused test kits. This is a requirement of the Duty of Care regulations, as part of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, to adequately describe their waste.

Please note they do not collect expired test kits.



## New Video and Guide to Accessing the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training e-learning

Skills for Care have partnered with Health Education England to produce an instructional video and guide to explain how social care providers can access the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training e-learning for healthcare (elfh) e-learning programme. The video and guide can be accessed through the [Oliver McGowan webpage](#).

## Need to know



### Palliative Care Clinics

All health and social care providers across North Yorkshire are able to join these series of sessions designed for registered and non-registered staff, and following a Zoom based curriculum to provide education on registered palliative care topics. For further information, to book your place or to suggest future topics then please follow this [link](#). Upcoming dates include:

- 27.2.23 Oral care
- 27.3.23 Respiratory secretions
- 24.4.23 Bowel obstruction
- 22.5.23 Itching
- 26.6.23 Steroids



### 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 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



## Indoor Air Quality in Care Homes

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed just how important [ventilation](#) is as part of infection prevention and control, especially for respiratory infections. Good ventilation reduces infection risks and can improve the health and well-being of people living, visiting or working in care homes. Skills for Care have published a recent [article](#) highlighting how care homes can Understand and manage the ventilation in their settings. This builds on [research](#) from the European Respiratory Journal exploring ventilation respiratory health in elderly residents living in nursing homes in Europe.

The AFRI-c study is run by the University of Bristol is investigating the clinical and cost effectiveness of portable HEPA air filters in reducing symptomatic winter respiratory infections (including COVID-19) in residents of older people's care homes with 20 or more residents. The study are looking for participants for 2023- and are available to offer payments of £4000 for intervention homes and £3000 for control care homes. Further information including eligibility criteria, FAQ and the expression of interest form can be found through this [link](#).

## Learning and Development Opportunities

### How Can Technology Support the Delivery of Care?

**When:** Tuesday 21 February 2.00-2.45 (Online)

This webinar will explore the different types of technology currently being utilised to support the provision of quality care. It will include a panel of employers and

### Skills for Care Webinar- Providing Evidence to CQC

**When:** Wednesday 01 March 10.00-10.45

This webinar will provide insight into how other adult social services gather and share evidence with the Care Quality Commission (CQC). It will provide the opportunity to ask questions about adapting to meet the evidence

representatives from the sector talking about their experiences and how they made the case for digital in their organisations.

For more information please follow this [link](#)

requirements of the new CQC Single Assessment Framework.

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## 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](mailto: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](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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### Get Nominating- Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Awards

Last year, Deborah Sturdy (Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care England, Department for Health and Social Care) launched an awards programme which are an opportunity to recognise the outstanding contribution made by social care staff. The awards are designed to celebrate those who go above and beyond in their work, provide outstanding care, commitment and inspiration to colleagues.

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?**
- **items to be discussed at the next Partners in Care Meeting?**

If so please contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)