

E-Mail Newsletter

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17th Edition

Welcome to the 17th edition of our newsletter. Here you will find updates from the team and any up to date Covid related information we have. We hope this will be helpful for you and we welcome your thoughts and feedback. You can continue to contact us on our details listed below.

We would like to thank you for working with us during these difficult times to keep you safe and well.

Updates for this month:

PPE – Partner2Care would like to inform everyone that they will no longer be able to order wipes through our PPE ordering system. However, you can buy these from your normal source and claim the funds back through your PHB by completing an expense form and sending in a copy of your receipt.

The team would also like to continue to remind all teams that correct use of PPE is essential, especially during these worrying times of Covid-19 and increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases in the region.

If your team complete any aerosol generated procedures they must wear specially fitted masks, if you haven't been tested for these please contact Partner2Care on the details above so we can arrange for this to be completed.

If you require PPE stock please contact us on Monday's before 12noon for same week collection of PPE. Delivery of PPE is in exceptional circumstances only as we no longer have a volunteer delivering PPE and team capacity is very limited. We would like to thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

Job Opportunity – Sirona Care and Health are looking for bank carers to provide support for patient's in the community. If any PAs are interested in working as a bank carer as a second job please contact Sirona for further information.

Mental health and Wellbeing support

The AWP Mental health 24/7 telephone response line is 0300 3031320.

The following links provide additional information on how to look after your mental health:

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/support-and-information/if-youre-having-difficult-time/if-youre-worried-about-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Updates continued:

Free flu vaccine – To access the scheme, PAs will simply need to print this **letter** and then attend a GP surgery or community pharmacy and identify.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

The Department of Health and Social Care is providing CARE badges free of charge to staff employed across the adult social care sector, including personal assistants. This is to recognise their critical work, particularly during the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you employ personal assistants please forward this information onto them so they can order their CARE badge.

Why are the CARE badges being given out?

- To recognise the vital role that adult social care staff have played in our national response to the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Create a common identity and a stronger voice for our vitally important adult social care workforce.

Create a legacy of recognition to last beyond the current crisis and give the social care workforce the professional acknowledgement they deserve. **Order your CARE badges now**

