

Care Home Updates



Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the Stockport Care Home Newsletter.

Our aim is to produce a bi annual newsletter to share helpful information, updates and good news stories with all of the Stockport commissioned care homes. There is a sizeable amount of work going on behind the scenes both in our homes and jointly by Stockport CCG and Stockport MBC. The aim is to maintain the delivery of excellent care that meets the needs of the Stockport population.

With so many positive things happening in our care homes it is also important that we reflect on what is being achieved and how we plan to build on these achievements for the future.

Hopefully you feel we have shared some of that with you through this newsletter.

Please forward any items you would like including in the winter newsletter to; fran.davies@nhs.net

Regards

Fran Davies

Service Reform Facilitator, Stockport CCG

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Infection Control

Influenza vaccination – it's not too early to plan for staff and resident influenza vaccination. There were 2 influenza outbreaks in care homes during winter 16/17 where there were over 20 residents affected and over 10 staff affected with confirmed influenza.

There are mass immunisation sessions for care staff, at a cost of £6.50 per vaccine on:

- 17.10.17 – Town Hall Ballroom (09.00 to 16.00, last vaccination at 15.50)
- 07.11.17 – Fred Perry House, Stockport Civic Complex, (09.00 to 16.00 last vaccination at 15.50)
- 04.12.17 – Kimberley Street Community Centre, SK3 8EB (09.00 to 13.30)

Staff MUST present their ID or a letter from their manager

Sarah Turner-Health Protection Lead Nurse

End of Life Care

One Chance to Get It Right – Care Homes Making a Difference at End of Life

Hat's off to Hayley and the team at Silverdale. They found an unoccupied space in the care home and, as part of their work to improve end of life care, turned it into a room for relatives.

They arranged a fresh lick of paint, frosted glass to ensure privacy, some comfy chairs, a put me up bed with new bedding and bob's your uncle, a relatives room appeared. The room is a space where family members can go to relax whilst staying close to their dying loved ones.

The District Nurses have supplied some leaflets with advice about what to do after death and also where bereavement support can be accessed.

Great work Silverdale.

North West End of Life Care Programme (6 Steps)

Bryn Haven and Marple Dale were the first two homes to receive the 6 Steps award one in 2013 and the other in 2014.

They have both recently been reassessed to ensure that their good work around end of life care has continued. Both homes have embedded the principles of the 6 Steps programme and have continued to build on their progress.

Both homes are recognising decline in residents and opening advance care planning discussions. Each home is working closely with their attached GPs and in 2016 all expected deaths (14) were managed in Marple Dale. Bryn Haven managed 75% of expected deaths. This means that these residents died in their preferred place of care.

Well done to both of these homes for keeping up the progress in end of life care. They have both received their new certificates.

Person Centred Care

Staff at Cherry Tree House went the extra mile for a resident known to be in the last days of life.

Staff knew that the resident wanted to see snow again before dying...but there was no sign of snow! Then a little miracle happened, a little snowfall blanketed the ground, so staff seized the day, wrapped the resident up snug and warm and took her out into the garden to enjoy the snow. I believe that staff indulged in a little snowball throwing and general frolicking in the snow ...and the resident had a happy glow.

Simply lovely person centred care from Cherry Tree House.

Elaine Watson – End of Life Care Facilitator – Care Homes

Education and Training

Infection Control

There are 3 FREE training sessions planned for August 2017 for Care staff (not Managers or Deputies) to cover all aspects of Infection Prevention and Control. There are only 20 places per session and these are filling fast so please book your staff on soon. Places are limited to 3 places per care home.

Please contact protectiontraining@stockport.gov.uk to book onto these sessions.

- 9th August 2017
- 16th August 2017
- 23rd August 2017

Sarah Turner - Health Protection Lead Nurse

Dates for Your Diary

Care Home Network

- Marple & Werneth_16th August 2017_Cherry Tree Nursing Home, Romiley
- Cheadle & Bramhall_12th September 2017_Belmont Care Home, Cheadle
- Stepping Hill & Victoria_19th September 2017_Rosemount Care Home, Edgeley
- Heaton's & Tame Valley_Date to be confirmed

Care Home Nurse Group Dates

- 29th September 2017 – Focus on Dementia and Memory Assessment 10-12md
- 8th December 2017 – Focus on Tissue Viability 10-12md

Care Home Focus Group Dates

- 27th October 2017 10-12md
- 19th January 2018 10-12md
- 8th March 2018 10-12md

Care Home Forum

- 21st September 2017
- 14th December 2017

Good News !!

We are pleased to announce the up and coming launch of the Stockport CCG Care Home website page!

The Care Home page contains useful information such as helpful links to other websites; templates and guides and can be accessed from 1st September 2017 at the following link:

<http://www.stockportccg.nhs.uk/your-health/your-health-services/care-homes>

And Finally Congratulations to.....

- All the staff at Wellcroft (Boroughcare) in Gatley has achieved “Outstanding” for being Well Lead from their latest CQC inspection.
- The staff and residents of Cawood House who undertook The Alzheimer’s memory walk raising a whopping £300.

