

Joint Commissioning Partnership Newsletter

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Prevention of Choking Risk

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The guidance is written in response to a number of incidents which resulted in the death or serious harm of service users across Devon and Torbay as a result of choking.

People with a diagnosis of a Learning Disability are well known to be at higher risk of choking than other people; this is well documented. However, local incidents demonstrated that the prevalence of this risk also extends across all service user groups, such as people with dementia-related illness and those with severe physical disability, such as stroke victims.

[To read the full guidance, please click here](#)



Health and Social Care Videos

Since 2014, Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust (TSDFT) have been building a library of videos that are used with their acute hospital, work in the community, and with their staff, patients and carers.

All of the videos have been developed by clinicians and specialists who work in the health and social care sectors and can improve the patient and user experience of the care provided.

Categories of videos include:

- Falls
- Care of the Elderly
- Learning Disabilities
- Hearing aids
- Nutrition & Dietetics

As part of the care and treatment programmes, there are also support videos for carers to provide additional support and help with

- Looking after yourself
- Stress management for carers
- Whole family approach
- Mental Health first aid

[To access the above videos and many more, please click here](#)

Safe Practice in Home Oxygen Therapy

As part of a Contract with the Department of Health, Air Liquide (Homecare) Ltd have been running an initiative to provide training and support to hospices, nursing /care/residential home and schools who have residents on Home Oxygen.

This free of charge training focuses on 2 elements:

1. Legal aspect: Oxygen is a prescribed medicine and should be managed as such
2. Safe storage and use of equipment

The training is delivered by way of a 60 minute presentation, ideally to a core group of more senior staff, with the hope of establishing a 'home oxygen link', on the understanding that they disseminate to others as required. Topics covered include:

- Definition of GDP (Good distribution practice)
- Home Oxygen Ordering
- Typical Equipment Setup
- Role & Responsibilities
- Examples of Inappropriate practice
- Oxygen Safety – Storage, Use & Administration

A Technician is also present to check assets / storage facility and to label each patient's equipment.

If you are interested in receiving this training, please contact Evan Williams
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*Please note that training will be prioritised to the homes who currently have residents on oxygen

Next phase of regulation: Consultation

The way that health and social care is delivered is changing, and we want to develop our approach to respond to emerging new care models.

We've also now carried out a comprehensive inspection of every NHS trust in England. We propose to use this understanding together with improved systems of gathering intelligence to move towards more targeted inspections for NHS trusts.

Alongside this consultation, we are [consulting jointly with NHS Improvement on our approach to leadership and use of resources in NHS trusts.](#)

These plans reflect the priorities we set in our five year strategy for a more targeted, responsive and collaborative approach.

A second consultation will be published in Spring 2017, which will focus on how we regulate adult social care and primary medical services.

What this consultation covers

We're seeking views on:

- Principles for how we'll regulate new models of care and complex providers
- Changes to our assessment frameworks across all sectors to reduce complexity and create more consistency
- How we'll register services for people with learning disabilities
- The way we'll regulate NHS trusts and foundation trusts from April 2017 – including how we might change our approach to rating them.

[For more information please click here](#)





BASH Awards 2017

For the first time in Devon, ROC are pleased to bring you the new BASH awards, which will take place on Saturday 4th March 2017. The BASH awards (be Active, be Safe, be Healthy) have been developed specifically for people with disabilities.

The award categories include seven areas based on being active, keeping safe and staying healthy. They will recognise the winning individual (or group) and a runner up. Winners will each receive a certificate and a medal, and runners up will receive a personalised certificate.



The awards start at 6:30pm and will finish by 9:30pm and will take place at Park Suite, Exeter City Football Club, St James Park, Exeter, EX4 6PX. The event will include a light buffet, a fun quiz and award presentations which will be presented by Devon's Police commander Chief Superintendent Jim Colwell.

The BASH awards aim to recognise the positive achievements that people with disabilities have made in their efforts to be more active, keep safe and take up a healthy lifestyle. They have been developed by the Blue Light Day Planning Group.

[Click here for a Booking Form](#)

[Click here for a Nomination Form](#)



Growing Older Together

The Growing Older Together project is part of the lottery funded 'Ageing Well Torbay' and is being delivered by National Mencap. Building on the work of the long-established Torbay Older Family Carers' Initiative which Mencap have been delivering for over 12 years, the project aims to offer opportunities for older people (aged 50 and over) to feel connected with family, friends and their community.

We are working with families in Torbay that include someone with a learning disability, where at least one of the immediate family members is aged 50 or over. This may include a family carer aged 50 or over caring for someone with a learning disability or someone with a learning disability aged 50 or over who is helping to look after a family member or partner

The role of being a carer is often unrecognised: it is simply seen as 'helping' or 'just what I do'. It is also often something which people are reluctant to talk about. Every situation is also very different, depending on the individuals involved. Because of this, we have no 'set process' for people who come into contact with the project. Instead we plan to offer a variety of activities, meetings and social opportunities to get to know people and to offer them the opportunity to learn new skills and information which may help them in their role. We will also find out what people in a mutual caring situation would like (information, support, skills, etc) and support them to access it within the capacity of the project.

For more information, or to find out what events we currently have planned, please contact Emma Young on 07852 546530 or email emmajane.young@mencap.org.uk

