

A message from Maddy...



Exciting job opportunities

As Nimbuscare continues to grow and evolve, we're pleased to be able to offer a number of exciting new job opportunities within our dynamic team. We're currently recruiting an **Operational Services Administrator** and an **Operational Services Co-ordinator** for our new Wound Care service, which will be based at our Acomb Garth Community Care Centre. The closing date for these posts is 26 February. We're also inviting applications for an additional **Operational Services Co-ordinator** post before 26 February. Finally, we're recruiting a **Clinical Manager/Educator** and the closing date for applications for that post is 21 February. For more information or to apply for any of these roles, please visit the [Recruitment page](#) on our website. If you'd like to have an informal chat with our HR team about any of the above roles, please [email](#) Laura Dobson.

Last chance for local families to take part in research study

More than 80 local families are taking part in an important research study aimed at helping to prevent babies and young children from being hospitalised by the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), but it's not too late for parents to enrol. We're working with York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's Research and Development department to participate in the study, which will evaluate the extent to which it's possible to reduce the risk of babies becoming seriously unwell with RSV by giving them a single dose of the Nirsevimab vaccine. Our specialist clinic for babies and children, known as the Children's Ambulatory Treatment (CAT) Hub and based at our Askham Bar Community Care Centre, is one of several clinical trial sites across the Yorkshire and Humber region for the [HARMONIE Research Study](#).



Diary dates:

The next Protected Learning Time session for staff from across the Vale of York area will be held at York Racecourse on **8 March, 2023, from 12.30pm to 5pm**. We will be supporting our member practices with call handling during these hours. Visit the Staff area of the website for details of our forthcoming series of Child Health-themed education events, as well as other training and development events.

York GP Dr Rebecca Brown, who is also Child Health Lead for Nimbuscare, said: "For the last couple of months, we've been looking for babies to take part in this important study and it's great that more than 80 local families have come forward so far. However, we only have until the end of February to enrol families on to the study, so it's important that anyone who would like to get involved makes contact with us as soon as possible.

"Parents with questions or concerns that they would like to talk through with our team are also encouraged to get in touch. Patients who enrol in the study will be reimbursed."

This [video](#) provides more information about the study itself, and this [case study](#) tells the story of a mum of two whose baby daughter was hospitalised with RSV who now wants to make other parents aware of the importance of the study.

Parents who are interested and would like more information can also [email](#) the local research team at.

The aim of the Harmonie Study is to reduce the 83 deaths; 45,136 hospital visits; 450,138 GP visits; and £76 million cost to the NHS resulting from RSV infection in infants in the UK each year.

Funding opportunity: Boiler upgrade scheme

To support the decarbonisation of heat in buildings, the Government is offering grants to help with the costs of green heating installations. The scheme is aimed at domestic and smaller non-domestic properties in England and Wales with a maximum installation of 45kWh. This is likely to cover many primary care practices and other small healthcare facilities. A total of £450 million is available between now and March 2025, with one grant of £5,000 to £6,000 for a heat pump or biomass boiler available per property to replace a fossil fuel heating system.

Dr Rumina Önaç, Nimbuscare's Sustainability Lead and the Royal College of General Practitioners' Climate and Sustainability Lead for Humber and the Ridings, said: "It's great to see financial support available for switching fossil-fuel boilers and heating systems to cleaner, greener biomass boilers and heat pumps. Research done to help shape the NHS's Net Zero plans suggests that better insulation, lighting and heating could actually save 59 ktCO₂e annually in General Practice, so we could really make progress with a carbon hotspot through this 'boiler upgrade scheme' initiative."



In line with the NHS's commitment to reaching Net Zero by 2045, using low-carbon sources of heat in our buildings will help to reduce the NHS's total carbon footprint. In addition to the environmental benefits, heat pumps and biomass boilers may reduce your energy bills. For more information, visit the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk).

Monthly Brain Health Café

To support people who are on the waiting list for the Memory Clinic, a monthly Brain Health Café is now taking place at our Acomb Garth Community Care Centre. The aim of the café is to improve the experience of people awaiting a possible diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment or dementia. However, it's hoped that it will also improve engagement on the diagnosis pathway, both with clinical providers and local voluntary service providers in the community. Taking place on the first Friday of each month, the Brain Health Café is a warm, friendly place to meet, offering free refreshments. A variety of local providers, from social prescribers, City of York Council's Health Trainers, memory clinic nurses, York Carers Centre and more, will be in attendance to chat with people and offer support, advice and activities relating to brain health and memory concerns. The sessions are open to anyone with concerns about their memory or who wants to understand how to keep their brain healthy. Everyone is welcome.

Farewell Libby

Last week, we bid a fond farewell to our Operational Services Co-ordinator Libby Edwards (pictured left), who left Nimbuscare to take up an exciting new position as Business Assistant with MyHealth. We are very sad to see Libby go as she has been with us since September 2020, but we're also very proud to have been part of her career in healthcare so far. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Libby on her new role and wishing her all the very best for the future.



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