

Working together to enhance health in care homes

Strengthening our delivery team

WE have strengthened our vanguard delivery team this week with the appointment of a new programme manager. Martin Ford will take over the day-to-day management of the workstreams. Helen Bourner retains overall responsibility for the programme, but the new appointment will allow her to focus on her new role as Director of Strategy and Partnerships at Airedale NHS Foundation Trust.

Martin Ford brings more than two decades of NHS experience to his new role as programme manager for our Enhanced Health in Care Homes vanguard.

He has worked across Bradford and Leeds in the past and has a good knowledge of the area and communities we serve, as well as strong connections in the local health and social care family.

Martin is a very welcome addition to the team and is keen to book time with all our partners in this project as soon as diaries allow.

His expertise spans patient and public engagement; leading large integrated commissioning and contract management teams for acute and community services for adults and children; transformation of integrated long term condition management; joint commissioning with local authorities; contract and performance management of Independent Sector Treatment Centres; voluntary, community and faith sector commissioning; leading the regional service procurement for home oxygen, membership of Department of Health National Eye Health steering group, and management of the Yorkshire NHS 111/West Yorkshire urgent care contract. ■

