

Lothian Care Home Innovation Partnership UPDATE – Autumn 2019

The Care Home Innovation Partnership (CHIP) was formed in Autumn 2018 as a result of workshops held across Lothian to update care home managers regarding the wider vision for a teaching/research-based care home (ToRCH) centre for Lothian and South East Scotland.



Six care homes joined us to form a partnership to work on projects that will inform the future ToRCH centre. The partnership meets every two months and are supported by Jo Hockley and Susie Shenkin (University of Edinburgh).

Six Partner Care Homes

- Braeside, Royal Blind, Edinburgh – small ‘charitable’ organisation
- Cluny Lodge, Edinburgh – small ‘for profit’ family run business
- Erskine Edinburgh – small ‘charitable’ organisation
- Linlithgow Care Home – part of a large ‘for profit’ organisation
- Newbyres Village, Midlothian – council run care home with on-site nursing
- St Raphael’s, Edinburgh – medium ‘not for profit’ organisation

Current Projects include: ‘student placements from a variety of disciplines’, ‘electronic care planning’, ‘creating an organisational structure to accommodate the needs of increasingly frail residents’, ‘palliative care education’, ‘volunteers/care homes’.

Death Debrief

The death of a resident can be a difficult time for everyone involved in their lives – including staff. So this is a chance for members of staff to reflect and support each other after the death of a resident.

Training room
5th September at 3pm.

Those who knew or were involved in the resident’s care are all very welcome. Tea, coffee and cake will be available and an open space to share



Linlithgow & Newbyres Village

Encouraging staff involved in the care of residents who have died to come to the monthly Reflective Debriefing Sessions following a death

Braeside and Cluny Lodge

Implementing the CIRC tool [Changes in Resident’s Condition] to help track the resident’s trajectory



Cluny Lodge

Electronic Care Planning and mobile, point of care monitoring at Viewpoint, Braeside and Erskine



With funding from the Innovation Programme, on behalf of the partnership Lucy Johnston and Catherine Mahoney (Edinburgh Napier University) are undertaking a “whole systems” analysis for Care Home Innovation. This involves scoping the data used in care homes and collating stakeholder views on current Care Home issues and challenges.



The work focus is on addressing issues where the solutions could involve innovative systems and technologies. The results will be used to set to Innovation Challenges for industry and academic partners to respond to and further inform the future ToRCH.

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The building of the ToRCH centre is still central to the vision; however, the vision is likely to take some years to achieve. Not with standing this, alongside the universities in Lothian, the centre has the potential to be the backbone to the sustainability of quality improvement initiatives, learning, support and research for all care homes across SE Scotland. We are currently in detailed talks with the Scottish Government and Lothian IJBs.

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Use this link to watch our ToRCH video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20X4K6YnvTc>