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.

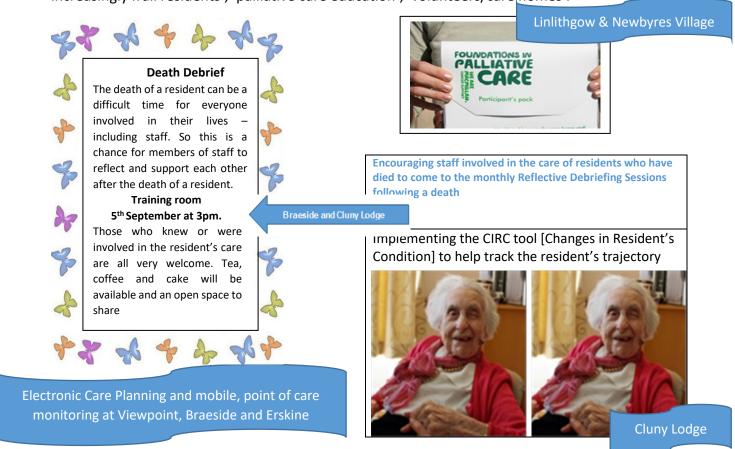
Six care homes joined us to form a partnership to work on projects that will inform the future ToRCH centre. The partnership meets every two months and are supported by Jo Hockley and Susie Shenkin (University of Edinburgh).



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'.





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