

Early identification and assessment of frailty webinar

Tuesday 5 December 2023

Webinar summary

Thank you to all who joined Healthcare Improvement Scotland's Frailty learning system webinar on Tuesday 05 December 2023 on the topic of early identification and assessment of frailty which was attended by 447 delegates.

The webinar was chaired by Anthea Fraser, Professional Lead for Social Services, Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

The guest speakers were:

- Joanne Payne, Occupational Therapy Service Lead, NHS Ayrshire & Arran.
- Billy Davidson, Project Analyst, Clinical Informatics Team, NSS Digital and Security and
- Dave Kelly, Technical Director, Albasoft (EScro).

Joanne shared an example of good practice in relation to early identification and assessment which supports improved outcomes for people living with frailty in the community and also discussed how people living with or at risk of frailty can have improved experience of and access to person centred, coordinated health and social care.

She provided a background to their service and its structure, discussed service outcomes and how they are measured, explained the electronic Frailty Index (eFI) and how this has been used by the occupational therapy team to identify people who may be living with frailty and was able to share information on how this has impacted on the wider system, the GP practice.

This was followed by Dave and Billy who provided an update on Albasoft (EScro)/NSS Digital and Security that will enable eFI to be accessible to GP practices across the whole of Scotland.

They explained that the Scottish primary care information resource (SPIRE) tool was decommissioned on 31 August 2023 and that Public Health Scotland has been working in partnership with National Services Scotland and the Scottish Government to deliver a new primary care data extraction tool. They advised that the existing SPIRE eFI model will soon be accessible to GP practices through the Primary Care Data and Intelligence Platform.

The presentations were followed by a question and answer session. Some were put to the speakers directly which can be heard in the recording link below. These and any questions unanswered on the day can be found here.

The full recording and slides can be found here.

