

Focus on Dementia Team Christmas 2018 Flash Report

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Festive Message from Focus on Dementia

It has been a busy and productive year for the Focus on Dementia Team and we would like to share some of the highlights with you. Our achievements are only possible through the active involvement of people with dementia, carers, staff and our national partners and we thank you all for your continued support throughout the year.



Wishing you all the very best for the festive season and we look forward to working together in 2019.

Some key achievements from 2018

- In February we held the Improving Co-ordination, Improving Lives event which brought together 188 health and social care staff from across Scotland to share good practice.
- In April, we collaborated with the International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM) to host a workshop for 40 staff from across Scotland on the ICHOM dementia standard set.
- We hosted 9 Webinars involving 210 participants.
- We hosted, as part of the Specialist Dementia Unit Improvement Programme (SDUIP), a Learning Session for our 4 SDU demonstrator sites, as well as 3 co-design events with staff and carers from the sites.
- We produced the Post-diagnostic Support (PDS) Quality Improvement Framework through extensive collaboration and testing with PDS Leads, PDS practitioners, national partners and people with dementia and carers.
- We have hosted, alongside our partners, 3 PDS and 2 SDU Network Regional Events in Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow, which were attended by approximately 125 staff. Another SDU event is planned for February 2019.
- We have been testing the delivery of PDS with closer alignment to primary care in East Edinburgh, Nithsdale and Shetland.
- We have been collaborating with LiveWell USA to share learning from the dementia work in Scotland and along with our partners, hosted a visit from them in December.



Some of the Focus on Dementia team with Stephani Shivers and Anne Kenny of LiveWell USA,



Panel Discussion Chaired by Dr Brian Robson, Healthcare Improvement Scotland

Highlights from our work programmes and what's ahead for 2019

Acute Care

Lynn Flannigan, Improvement Advisor, presented at Newcastle Trust Dementia Conference in February and the Nordic Dementia Network in Stockholm in April. The Project was nominated for a NHS Grampian HEART award to acknowledge the work undertaken in collaboration with four wards in NHS Grampian's Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. You can read the report that followed this piece of work [here](#).

Care Coordination

We are working with Midlothian to identify care coordination critical success factors. A report from this work will be published in March 2019. We are also working with one health and social care partnership on a whole systems design to deliver an integrated, coordinated approach to supporting people from diagnosis of dementia through to end of life.

Palliative and End of Life Care

We will continue to work with Dundee to improve palliative and end of life care identification and care coordination for people with dementia and to continue to test the Alzheimer Scotland Advanced Dementia Practice Model.

Post-diagnostic Support

The PDS Quality Improvement Framework now has several early adopter sites who will feedback to Focus on Dementia in 2019 on what's going well and any improvement priorities. A companion document for people with dementia and carers will also be published in 2019. The 3 PDS in Primary Care sites have had their funding extended until March 2020 and to date have supported over 100 people.

Specialist Dementia Unit Improvement Programme

It has been a very busy year for SDUs in Scotland, and great to hear about improvements in practice in our demonstrator sites and through other SDUs across the country. Our next Network event is being held in Glasgow on 5 February. You can register to attend [here](#). We are also working on a web based toolkit to share learning and practice. This will support staff working in SDUs to find practical tools to help them support improvement and will be launched in 2019.

Our Presence and Publications

- We presented 11 posters and spoke at workshops nationally and internationally including the 10th Scottish Caring & Dementia Congress in April, the NHS Scotland event and Alzheimer Scotland Conference in June, the Alzheimer Europe Conference in October and the UK Dementia Congress in November.
- A Quality Improvement Framework for Dementia Post-diagnostic Support in Scotland was published on our [website](#) on World Alzheimer's Day, 21 September. Hard copies of the framework were produced in October for promotional purposes and launched at our 3 regional PDS Network events.
- In July our Impact Report, [Changing Minds, Improving Lives in Scotland](#) was published on our website, along with 4 'Focus on' Reports covering [PDS](#), [SDU](#), [Acute](#) and [Playlist for Life](#). We also published 4 update summaries from our SDUIP demonstrator sites, [Balmore Ward](#), [Hatton Lea](#), [Prospectbank](#) and [Strathbeg](#).
- We are engaging with both our PDS and SDU Networks through quarterly Network Newsletters. You can sign up to receive these newsletters using the appropriate link [PDS](#) or [SDU](#).



Staff at Prospectbank with Maureen Watt MSP during ministerial visit on 6 June 2018

