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Nottingham City Vanguard Programme
Improving care for older people

Care Homes Team
Delivering quality nursing support

Case Study
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The Vanguard programme in Nottingham City is set to move more older people's care from hospital to the community, introduce greater use of healthcare assistive technology and IT in care homes (such as video consultations), improve medicines management, and build partnerships of support across professions and organisations in improving patient/citizen care. Feedback mechanisms will be put in place so lessons can be learnt and services continually adapted and improved.

The programme is being overseen by a steering group which includes GPs, nurses, pharmacists and community geriatricians. Organisations and networks involved in the Nottingham City CCG-led programme include Nottingham City Council, Nottingham CityCare Partnership, Nottingham University Hospitals, Nottinghamshire Healthcare, Age UK, University of Nottingham and the Care Home Managers Forum.

The Vanguard work with care homes fits into our Integrated Care programme, bringing together health and social care services to provide joined-up, ‘holistic’ care for citizens/patients.

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Objectives of the Nottingham City Vanguard programme:

1. Strengthen the culture of partnership, support, and engagement with the care home sector, local community services and voluntary sector (from its existing strong basis), working together to improve the experience of care home residents

2. Review and redesign services commissioned to support care homes in order to improve outcomes for residents and deliver efficiencies through better use of resources

3. Support the roll-out of new technologies and telemedicine to provide fast and effective access to clinical and specialist input

4. Increase the provision of community beds to support people to return to independent living with appropriate support from community services

5. Ensure care home residents have agreed goals of care based on proactive, resident-centred multi-disciplinary review involving families

6. Develop an effective hospital discharge pathway and processes that support residents to return to care homes as early as possible, seven days-a-week

7. Develop and implement an effective urgent care pathway for care homes

8. Develop and implement an effective end-of-life pathway for care homes.
The team of district nurses, run by Nottingham CityCare Partnership, helps care home residents with a range of nursing tasks including wound care, administration of injections, ulcer prevention and care, palliative care, as well as providing educational support for carers.

The service is made up of two district nursing teams, based at New Brook House in Hyson Green and the Meadows Health Centre, as well as a team of specialist nurse practitioners, also based at Meadows Health Centre.

Following the establishment of the team two years ago, nursing support is now provided to 58 residential homes across the City in all areas except Strelley, Wollaton and Clifton. It is hoped that the service will be extended to these three areas in due course.

The team also works with reablement services providing nursing care at Connect House near the City Hospital and Acorn House in Carrington. The Specialist Nurse Practitioner team work with both residential and nursing homes across the City,

supporting new admissions with the transition into their new home for up to six weeks.

Helen Woodiwiss, Care Homes Nursing Team Manager, said: “There is an increasing focus nationally and locally on health care of the elderly. People are living longer, becoming more dependent with higher care needs, and we must ensure that those needs are met. By providing the appropriate support, we can help keep people cared for in the care homes rather than being admitted to hospital. Certainly if care homes feel supported in managing the care of their residents, they are more likely to call for the support of our nurses and less likely to call 999.

“We have seen the number of referrals increase as our relationships have improved with the care homes and they have become more open and transparent about the needs of their residents. They appreciate the consistency of the same nurses going in to see them and knowing the first name of the nurse, it sounds a small thing but it’s really important. Sometimes there are challenges to be faced in the homes such as safeguarding but we work with them to provide support on these issues and we have positive working relationships.

“We take referrals via the Nottingham Health and Care Point and would encourage GPs to inform our team as soon as possible when

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Factfile:
Care homes in Nottingham

2300
Approximate number of care home residents in Nottingham City

83
54
Care homes in the city &
 providers

The average care home resident has 6 diagnoses and takes 8 medications

Approximately two out of every three people in Nottingham City’s care homes are funded by the local authority, and one in three are self-funded.

On average, care homes residents have....

75% cognitive impairment
66% behavioural symptoms
56% incontinence
30% malnutrition
26% a life expectancy of one year or less

Nottingham City is a NHS England Vanguard site for achieving better quality care in care homes

- The Vanguard work will improve joint working between care homes, community care and secondary care in order to achieve better quality of care within care homes and improve outcomes for citizens, increase trust and ultimately better planned end-of-life care
- NHS Nottingham City CCG and partners have an ambitious vision - to commission a ‘beacon’ best practice care home model which is fit for the future
- The vision is to enable residents living in a care home to be healthier, have a better quality of life and be treated with dignity and respect, focusing on residents’ capabilities rather than their dependencies
- The Vanguard work aims to remove organisational barriers and ensure that care home staff have support from specialist health services to identify, understand, manage and respond to the everyday impact of providing essential care
- Residents will receive co-ordinated input from generalists and specialists of multiple disciplines in partnership with social care professionals and care home staff
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liaising with care homes about their patients’ care as we can provide the dedicated support they need.”

The team currently has about 420 patients on their caseload and there are 17 members of staff on the team.

Helen, who is based at New Brook House, added: “We would particularly like to be updated with information about residents who are approaching end-of-life and have been put on the end-of-life care pathway. We’d like to be made aware of this as soon as possible so we can provide the right support and make sure that the person’s care needs will be met.”

The changes that have been made to the Care Homes Nursing Team have been carried out in parallel to the development of the Integrated Care programme in the City. The team is currently working with the Care Co-ordinators to help raise awareness of their service and to become more integrated in the joined-up health and social care of citizens. The team will also be essential to the success of the Integrated Care Vanguard programme that is being set up in the City to promote best practice in people’s care in care homes.

Helen said: “We have made a lot of progress so far, we have provided a lot more support for people in care homes and training for care home staff. We have definitely improved the patient experience, the next steps now are to improve integration and to improve the patient experience even more.”

The Assistive Technology (AT) team at Nottingham City CCG has been out and about recently on a fact-finding mission to discover best practice elsewhere in the country.

Dave Miles, Assistive Technology Project Manager, and Chris Summerlin, Assistive Technology Project Assistant, visited Airedale NHS Foundation Trust in May to find out more about the unique range of digital healthcare solutions provided by this acute care trust. Airedale is an exemplar in remote monitoring and is one of the six Vanguard care home sites. The Trust, based in Keighley, West Yorkshire, has developed a range of digital healthcare and telemedicine services over the past decade.

The team’s visit to Airedale follows an earlier tour of the Leeds Assisted Living Centre which formally opened in February 2015. The Assisted Living Centre is an assistive technology hub which encompasses the community equipment store, telecare service, alarm monitoring and response service, blue badge assessment centre and training and demonstration facilities.

Dave said: “We’ve recently had a visit ourselves from the NHS England team looking at use of assistive technology and they were very pleased with what they saw taking place in Nottingham. While we know we’re ahead of most places in this area, we also know we can still learn from others and these visits to Yorkshire have provided more information and insights on how we can best take forward our plans locally.”
New reference guide launched at CDG meetings

Colleagues from across the City have been meeting to discuss how integrated care is making a difference to their working lives and to the lives of citizens.

The second set of quarterly Care Delivery Group (CDG) meetings were launched in June and have been well attended, with members of staff being updated on a range of topics including the self-care pilot in Bulwell and the development of an integrated CDG directory guide.

Pictured here discussing the latest developments are members of a local CDG meeting at the Family Medical Centre in Carlton Road, Nottingham.
Bulwell hosts pilot of new self-care scheme

As part of the Integrated Care programme in Nottingham City, a major self-care initiative is being piloted in Bulwell. Self-care is all about empowering people with the confidence and information to look after themselves when they can, and visit health and care professionals when they need to.

This gives people greater control of their own health and encourages healthy behaviours that help prevent ill health in the long-term.

Self-care training with Self Help UK

In Nottingham City one in three of the registered population is living with a recorded long-term condition (LTC). The strain of these LTCs is massive, both on the individual and on healthcare services, but it does not have to be.

Self Help UK is delivering self-care training to healthcare professionals to give you the best tools and information to enable your patients to self-care and pick up some approaches to aid your own health and wellbeing.

We want Nottingham to be at the forefront of self-care developments so that our citizens can maintain their independence and our healthcare staff can support them to do so. By understanding how and why self-care can be dually beneficial, you will be helping your patients to keep control of their lives and access health services appropriately.

Training sessions will take place every month until the end of February 2016. Upcoming dates are shown on page 8.
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New service supports long-term recovery from cancer

A new service for men and women living with cancer, run by Notts County FC Football in the Community, is inviting referrals from clinicians.

The football club’s community programme has teamed up with Macmillan Cancer Support to establish a project that uses physical activity to help patients during their recovery from cancer. The CARE (Cancer and Rehabilitation Exercise) project will test the concept and benefits of providing an exercise referral programme for patients at the end of their cancer treatment.

The project, funded by Macmillan for the next two years, provides a 12-week guided exercise programme, followed by ongoing support for 12 months to ensure participants continue to benefit from their new strength and fitness.

In Nottingham City and the south of the county there were 17,700 people living with and beyond a cancer diagnosis and this is set to rise to 34,400 over the next 16 years.

The project provides participants and their families with a social environment to share stories, build strength and increase their confidence and self-esteem during a difficult period in their lives. It is based at the Portland Centre in the Meadows.
Staff are now much more confident about sharing information and multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meetings are helping to improve team-working – these are two key recent findings from the ongoing independent evaluation of Nottingham City’s Integrated Care programme.

This second survey of staff and GPs, carried out this year, saw the number of respondents double compared to the initial baseline survey in spring 2014 and generally the feedback has been very positive.

The report from the Office for Public Management (OPM) states: “Respondents were more confident than last year about the types of information that can be shared with practitioners from other agencies. In particular, all team manager, practice manager and intermediate care practitioner respondents reported being confident about this.

“A greater proportion of respondents to the 2015 survey reported having enough information about other services to carry out their role effectively, and that they know how to contact others who can also provide support. Respondents were more likely to report receiving sufficient support to enable them to carry out their roles,”

and the vast majority of respondents continue to agree that they make a difference to the lives of the people they care for.”

OPM’s report states that the care co-ordinator role was frequently mentioned as working well. In particular, respondents highlighted their ability to make referrals to other services and to provide information. Respondents also indicated that having co-located teams and mobile working supported shared working between health and social care colleagues.

Respondents continued to feel their teams work well together. A number of respondents emphasised improved communication across teams. The MDT meetings and monthly meetings were highlighted as helping to build relationships. In particular, a number of respondents from health services commented on the success of more joined-up working and improved communications with social care, leading to improvements in citizen care.

Areas that still remained as challenges according to the report were some referral processes, duplication in some of the assessments undertaken, and the need for improved communication between teams, particularly around the discharge process.

OPM’s review of the Integrated Care programme is due to run until March 2016 when a final report will be published.

Survey reveals progress in integrated working

The citizen experience is improving thanks to the integration of health and social care in Nottingham City – that’s the view of staff and GP respondents in the latest survey of the Integrated Care programme.

In the independent survey, carried out by the Office for Public Management (OPM), respondents reported improved citizen experience compared to 12 months ago. Almost three-quarters of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that ‘we take a holistic view of each patient/service user’s needs’ - an increased rate of agreement compared to the 2014 survey.

In addition, the majority of respondents (70%) agreed with the statement that ‘we fully consider carer needs’ and the statement ‘patients/service users and carers are generally satisfied with the care they receive’ scored equally highly. This marks a shift in perceptions from the first survey last year, when only 53% of respondents agreed with the statement.

However, although responses to the 2015 survey were generally more positive than to the 2014 survey, there are still reports that citizens have to repeat themselves when coming into contact with different services.

Citizen experience of care boosted
Nottingham City is a national Wave Two Pioneer site for integrated care and we are finding out about some great work that has taken place elsewhere in the country, particularly among the Wave One sites.

Connecting Care is bringing you a series of case studies on best practice work that is taking place elsewhere. In the last issue we looked at improving care in care homes in Worcestershire. In this edition we’re having a look at a project helping older people in Norfolk retain their independence.

Case study: West Norfolk – Living Independently in Later Years programme

Living Independently in Later Years (LILY) is an online directory and associated call-centre option that brings together information about a wide range of local services, activities, advice and guidance aimed at helping older people maintain their independence and remain connected to their communities.

It is hosted by the borough council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk, with additional funding support from the county council and West Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Group. Average monthly hits for the online directory are in excess of 5,000.

The next development of the strategy – LILY plus – is about to be launched. This includes an extensive marketing drive, remote site access and the recruitment of ‘LILY champions’ in communities who can both promote the service and assist individuals to access it.

The LILY brand will be developed as a one-stop shop for essential information on local support to remain independent. It is the central plank of the local Prevention First strategy that was drafted by a wider group of local stakeholders, including the voluntary sector.

LILY continues to be developed with increased marketing, new permanent community access points and a pop-up capacity (the ability to take a laptop and supporting material to events etc.) and the recruitment of community-level volunteers as LILY champions.

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A reminder of how to keep up to date with the Integrated Care Programme:

- Visit www.nottinghamcity.nhs.uk for updates
- Email: connectingcare@nottinghamcity.nhs.uk
- Contact any of the Programme Board members on the back page
- Look out for future issues of Connecting Care
- Talk to your line manager if you have any specific queries you would like raising.