



LOTHIAN DEMENTIA PROJECT

Facing Dementia Together: Post Diagnostic Support

August 2009 Report

During this month Professor Andrews attended the Dementia Core Group for the Lothian Mental Health Collaborative to discuss and plan communications with GPs and Care Homes, as a result of which letters have been drafted from Dr John Gordon, clinical lead

- to GPs informing them of their current register numbers
- to care homes asking them to identify people who they think have dementia to the GP, to ensure that they receive a diagnosis, and if correct, are placed on the register

Allied Health Professionals from the Victoria Hospital came together for a seminar on dementia and were provided with learning materials. A presentation was given to the Divisional Senior Management Team of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and materials shared.

Maria Slapczynska completed a short report into care workers who do not have English as a first language. Her recommendations, while not exclusive to Lothian, indicate that language lessons are a significant need. There are numbers of Polish care workers who are intending to stay in Scotland and would welcome further training.

A number of Lothian students have enrolled on training programmes including:

An introductory course - DEM9D1 = 3

Post diagnostic course - DEM9D2 = 7

Post graduate degree modules x = 9

Attendance at a course on meaningful activity = 6

HCA course information event - 26th August = 6