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## LOTHIAN DEMENTIA PROJECT

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### **Facing Dementia Together: Post Diagnostic Support**

#### **May 2009 Report**

There has been considerable consolidation during this month, and planning for events in June, including the good practice event on June 25th.

During this month there was a meeting with David Small and Katrina Balmer who currently provide dementia awareness and other dementia related training within NHS Lothian. This was to discuss the provision of sustainable support for their work.

Libby Campbell has arranged support in the acute sector and subsequent planning of an education event for acute sector nurses. A questionnaire has been circulated to acute sector staff and in response written material has been posted to them in advance of their two conferences in the month of June. Consultants in care of older people at the Royal Victoria hospital met for a briefing on the programme from Professor Andrews and received bundles of learning material and copies of "Coping with Dementia" for distribution. Social work staff on the same site have asked for more materials. Professor Andrews visited Accident and Emergency at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, in advance of preparations for the Accident and Emergency project.

Niall Grant visited the Iris Murdoch Centre to discuss support for primary care staff who specialise in care of people with dementia and was provided with learning materials and supplies of work books to try out.

At a meeting with Edinburgh MSP Malcolm Chisholm, Professor Andrews asked about dementia related issues in his local area, an provided briefing, to engage his support and awareness of the issues involved.

Three Lothian delegates attended the three day design summer school to learn about the principles of dementia friendly design in buildings and a number of Lothian delegates attended an event on technology and dementia at the Iris Murdoch Centre. Further managers of care services attended the information day on the support workers project. There were Lothian delegates at an event on continence and dementia.

The main focus for this month has been engaging with staff to attend the good practice conference.

This is a monthly report which will be posted on the website, and will be circulated on request.

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