

Delivering the Gold Standards Framework (GSFCH) in Care Homes in Somerset Newsletter June 2009

Welcome to the first edition of the Gold Standards Framework in Care Homes (GSFCH) in Somerset newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide regular updates on the exciting new project that is being rolled out across Somerset.

What is the GSFCH?

A national initiative, the Gold Standards Framework is a practical systematic framework of tools and tasks that aims to deliver a 'gold standard of care' for all people nearing the end of their lives.

The project focuses on three main areas:

- Improving quality of Care
- Improving collaboration with General Practitioners, District Nurses, Specialist nurses and others.
- Reducing hospitalisation at the end of life.

What's happening in Somerset?

In partnership with NHS Somerset, Wyvern Health, the GP Commissioning Consortium for Somerset and the National GSF team, 33 care homes so far have signed up to this exciting project.

The Project Team

Dr Chris Absolon, GP Palliative care lead for Somerset has been involved with GSFCH for five years, and is a Clinical Associate with the national GSF team. He works as a GP in Shepton Mallett.

Jenny Coles was appointed as Project Manager in April 2009. Her role is to support the care homes through the two year programme to National Accreditation and admission to the 'Solid Gold Club'

Since April 2009 Jenny has visited all the care homes to ensure that they are committed to the programme and to introduce them to the GSFCH preparation pack, the first stage of the programme.

The first of four workshops was held on June 3rd at the Haynes Motor Museum and attended by representatives from each of the Care Homes, District Nursing, St Margaret's Somerset Hospice and Dorothy House Hospice. Participants had an opportunity to meet with the National Team.



Pictured left to right: Jenny Coles, Project manager, Prof.Keri Thomas, Nikki Sawkins, National GSFCH Leads, Dr Chris Absolon, Somerset GSF lead, Jayne Nicholas, Wyvern Health .com Implementation Manager.

The workshop provided an introduction to the challenges of end of life care. All care homes were able to develop their own 'action plans'.

The day proved to be a great success. Comments included:

- 'The passion of the speakers was infectious'
- 'Very enjoyable, motivational'
- 'Very informative we are keen to get going with this project'



Delegates working together to formulate individual action plans

For more details or queries about the National Gold Standards Framework visit their website:

www.goldstandardsframework.nhs.uk

Next Steps.

As part of taking forward the GSF programme each care home has been asked to:-

- Develop a Supportive / Palliative register.
- Develop 'Coding' of residents
- Introduce regular care review meetings.
- Develop role of Co-ordinator.

Ongoing Support.

Continuing support for the GSFCH will be provided by Jenny to include regular co-ordinator meetings and updates in between workshops.

A 'Link Nurse' Programme for Care Home staff and a specialist referral service is provided by both St Margaret's Somerset Hospice and Dorothy House Hospice. A 24 hour helpline is also available.

Future workshops for enrolled homes:-

September 15th 9.30 – 4.00pm

November 11th 9.30 – 4.00pm

February 10th 9.30 – 4.00pm

All to be held at Haynes Motor Museum Sparkford, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7LH

Useful Names and Numbers

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St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, Taunton	01823 259394
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Musgrove Park Palliative Care Team	01823 342656
Yeovil DGH Palliative Care Team	01935 384557
Dorothy House Hospice	01225 722988
Palliative Care Team	01225 825567
Dorothy House 24 hour Professional Helpline	01225 722999

List of Care Homes Attending Phase 1 Gold Standards Framework Training

HOME NAME	ADDRESS	TOWN	POSTCODE	Area:
Aspen Court Care Home	Hope Corner Lane	Taunton	TA2 7PB	Taunton Deane
Calway House	Calway Road	Taunton	TA1 3EQ	Taunton Deane
Cary Brook	Millbrooke Gardens	Castle Cary	BA7 7EE	South Somerset
Castle House Nursing Home	Keinton Mandeville	Somerton	TA11 6DX	South Somerset
Cedar Lodge	Hope Corner Lane	Taunton	TA7 7PB	Taunton Deane
Chelston Park Nursing Home	West Buckland Road	Wellington	TA21 9PH	Taunton Deane
Clare Hall	Ston Easton	Bath	BA3 4DE	Mendip
Critchill Court	Lynwood Close	Frome	BA11 4DP	Mendip
Croft House	North Croft	Williton	TA4 4RR	West Somerset
Dunster Lodge	Off Manor Rd, Alcombe	Minehead	TA24 6EW	West Somerset
Elliscombe House	Higher Holton	Wincanton	BA9 8EA	South Somerset
Field House	The Parks	Minehead	TA24 8BU	West Somerset
Fosse House	Stratton on Fosse	Radstock	BA3 4RA	Mendip
Frethey House	Bishops Hull	Taunton	TA2 8QZ	Taunton Deane
Glastonbury Care Home	Pike Close, Sedgemoor Way	Glastonbury	BA6 9PZ	Mendip
Hillview Nursing Home	34-36 Berrow Road	Burnham	TA8 2EX	Sedgemoor
Ivelhurst Nursing Home	27 Preston Road	Yeovil	BA21 3AD	South Somerset
Mamsey House Nursing Home	Priest Street	Williton	TA4 4NJ	West Somerset
Milton House	West Street	Bridgwater	TA6 3RH	Sedgemoor
Mountbatten	82-84 Trull Road	Taunton	TA1 4QW	Taunton Deane
Pondsmead	Shepton Road, Oakhill	Bath	BA3 5HT	Mendip
Popham Court	Courtland Road	Wellington	TA21 8NE	Taunton Deane
Preston Park House	Preston Road	Yeovil	BA20 2EF	South Somerset
Ruishton Court	Henlade	Taunton	TA3 5LT	Taunton Deane
St. Benedicts	St. Benedict Street	Glastonbury	BA6 9NB	Mendip
The Knoll	33 Preston Road	Yeovil	BA21 3AE	South Somerset
The Manor	Haydon Close, Bishops Hull	Taunton	TA1 5HF	Taunton Deane
The Orchards	Orchard Lane	Crewkerne	TA18 7AF	South Somerset
The Rosary Nursing Home	Mayfield Drive, Durlleigh	Bridgwater	TA6 7JQ	Sedgemoor
The Winsor Nursing Home	54, The Avenue	Minehead	TA24 5AW	West Somerset
Vicarage House (Glenavon)	The Old Vicarage, Hambridge	Langport	TA10 0BG	South Somerset
Wessex House	Pesters Lane	Somerton	TA11 7AA	South Somerset