BuildCARE Newsletter: Autumn 2014
Welcome to BuildCARE (Building Capacity, Access, Rights and Empowerment)

BuildCARE is a four-year project that aims to make a fundamental change to the way palliative and end of life care is regarded, implemented and prioritised internationally.

Dame Cicely Saunders: celebrating the continuation of her life’s work
To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of her death and the continuing legacy of her work, Cicely Saunders International is supporting a programme of events, which will continue to run throughout 2015.

The first event in the New Year will be a talk by Dame Barbara Monroe, former Chief Executive of St Christopher’s Hospice: ‘Dame Cicely Saunders and the hospice vision — is hospice fit for the 21st century?’. She will discuss whether hospice has passed its ‘sell by date’ and explore the core values and legacy of the hospice concept.

For details of other events in the programme, go to: www.kcl.ac.uk/lsm/research/divisions/cicelysaunders/newsevents/celebration-events.aspx

Success for PhD students
Clare Ellis-Smith (left) has passed her PhD upgrade and completed the first phase of her study. She is looking forward to commencing the second phase in the New Year. This phase involves implementing the assessment tool that has been developed into routine care of care home residents with dementia.

Dr Lesley Henson (right) completed her transfer report and upgraded to PhD in October 2014. Lesley is continuing to analyse data quantitatively from three mortality follow-back surveys and is planning to start screening and recruitment to the qualitative phase of her study in December.

New staff members join the BuildCARE team
Lara Klass joined the BuildCARE team as the Research & Dissemination Facilitator in October (maternity cover). She has a BA in Sociology and an MA in Applied Social Research from Monash University and has worked as a policy advisor for the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages.

Sue Molony joined in October 2014 as Administrator to BuildCARE and OPTCare Elderly. She graduated from King’s with a BA in English and an MA in English Language and Literature Before 1525.

Upcoming events at the Cicely Saunders Institute
Non-pharmacological interventions for refractory chronic cough patients 29 January 2015* 16.30—17.30
Dr Surinder Birring Consultant Respiratory Physician, Honorary Senior Lecturer, King’s College Hospital
*Please note, this is a Thursday

Palliative care Outcome Scale (POS) development training workshops 5 and 6 February 2015 All day, two-day conference
Mixed speakers for clinical and research training days, confirmed presenters include Professor Irene Higginson, Professor Claudia Bausewein, Dr Fliss Murtagh and Dr Lucy Selman

Dame Cicely Saunders and the hospice vision — is hospice fit for the 21st century? 25 February 2015 16.30—17.30
Dame Barbara Monroe, Honorary Professor, International Observatory on End of Life Care, Lancaster University
Spiritual care in palliative care: recent European research and future developments

On 24 November 2014, 100 delegates from 10 countries attended this conference, part of the 10-year anniversary event series. Delegates were from diverse backgrounds and included carers and chaplains, as well as clinicians and researchers. Speakers from the UK, Netherlands, Spain and Belgium covered a range of topics, including: establishing research priorities in spiritual care, cultural and spiritual needs, spiritual care in nursing home settings, the development and evaluation of training programmes, assessment and history taking, and international collaboration in research. There were many opportunities for discussion, networking and viewing of delegates’ research posters. As well as Dame Cicely’s brother, Mr Christopher Saunders, speaking on the relevance of spiritual care to her vision, a video extract of a 1994 interview with Dame Cicely was shown, which gave insight into her life work and commitment to spiritual care as a core component of palliative care. A post on the conference is on the EAPC blog: www.eapcnet.wordpress.com and the video extract and presentations from the conference will be available in 2015 on YouTube.

International Access Rights and Empowerment (IARE) study update

Recruitment has now closed for the IARE study for all three work packages (face-to-face patient survey; ethnography; and bereaved caregiver survey) in London, Dublin and New York. Across all three sites a combined total of 878 participants were recruited. The second US site, San Francisco, has completed recruitment for the ethnography; recruitment for the bereaved caregiver survey will finish in January 2015. We have already begun analysis across sites for all work packages, and are excited about sharing some of the findings with you in the New Year!

YouTube updates

Find all of our recent seminars and presentations on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/CSIKCL

To find out more about BuildCARE visit the Cicely Saunders Institute website: www.csi.kcl.ac.uk

The IARE study: www.csi.kcl.ac.uk/iare

The BuildCARE PhD programme: www.csi.kcl.ac.uk/phd-studentships

The DEE programme: www.csi.kcl.ac.uk/dee

The Faculty Scholar programme: www.csi.kcl.ac.uk/faculty-scholars

Some recent publications from the BuildCARE project team include:


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