BuildCARE Newsletter: Summer 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.

Upcoming events at the Cicely Saunders Institute

Mobile technology intervention for cancer patients
22 October 2014
16.30 – 17.30
Professor Nora Kearney
Professor of Nursing and Cancer Care/Research Dean, College of Medicine Dentistry and Nursing, University of Dundee

Spiritual care in palliative care: Recent European research and future developments
24 November 2014
All day
Mixed speakers, details coming soon
http://www.csi.kcl.ac.uk/spiritualcareinpalliativecare.html

Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness National Guidelines
26 November 2014
16.30-17.30
Professor Lynne Turner-Stokes
Herbert Dunhill Chair of Rehabilitation, King’s College London & Director of Regional Rehabilitation Unit, Northwick Park Hospital

Contact csi.event@kcl.ac.uk or 0207 848 5537 to register

All-assembly meeting May 2014 London

The third all-assembly meeting took place at the Cicely Saunders Institute, London, on 8 May 2014. Members of project BuildCARE from all four sites; London, Dublin, New York and San Francisco, attended. Each site shared their interview and recruitment progress for the different work packages, as well as agreeing dates for the closure of interviewing patients and carers. The project will now focus on analysing the data each site has collated over the project and draw comparisons from the large data set collected. We look forward to drawing some very significant insights into the palliative care systems of England, Ireland and the US and publishing these.

EAPC 2014 Lleida, Spain

The eighth World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Congress took place in June 2014 in Lleida, Spain. With 15 members of the Cicely Saunders Institute in attendance it was a great opportunity to see past colleagues and alumni, as well as support those presenting. These included, the BuildCARE Faculty Scholar, Dr Lucy Selman who presented on The heart of the matter: Understanding spiritual care provision in South Africa and Uganda and “We’re all kind of carrying a burden that we’re not sharing among each other” – a qualitative study of the impact of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma on the family. Dr Selman also held a Meet the Experts session exploring how to analyse qualitative data and qualitative research methods. Professor Irene Higginson, BuildCARE project lead, presented a session entitled An academic palliative care research career: Skills, competence, career choices and luck? We look forward to next year’s conference which is due to take place from 8-10 May in Copenhagen, Denmark and in which Professor Irene Higginson is co-chair of the Scientific Committee. More information can be found regarding the next EAPC Congress at: http://www.eapc-2015.org/

PhD student Mendy Dzingina’s success

Dr Mendy Dzingina, one of BuildCARE’s PhD students, recently sat his upgrade viva in June 2014 and passed without amendments (unconditional pass). Mendy, who joined the Cicely Saunders Institute in 2012, is aiming to estimate a preference-based measure of Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL) for the Palliative care Outcome Scale (POS), a widely used outcome measurement tool, for patients receiving palliative care and/or at the end of life. This will provide a basis for estimating Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALYs) from data collected in clinical trials and other sources, to inform economic evaluations of palliative care interventions. We would like to congratulate him on his recent and well-deserved success.
BuildCARE conference May 2014

Preceding the all-assembly meeting, the BuildCARE conference entitled Access, Equity and Innovation in Palliative Care: Can we really afford and deliver quality for all in the future? took place. With over 90 delegates in attendance from different clinical and research backgrounds in palliative care, the one-day conference hosted presentations from BuildCARE project members including Dr Diane E. Meier and Taja Ferguson (New York, US), Professor Charles Normand and Dr Karen Ryan (Dublin, Ireland) and Professor Irene Higginson (London, England). Dr Barbara Daveson (London) also presented alongside expert by experience, Kirstie Newson, on the importance of patient and public involvement in palliative care research and how this can be taken forward for the future. All presentations from this event are here: http://www.csi.kcl.ac.uk/access-equity-and-innovation-in-palliative-care.html

The Cicely Saunders Institute Annual Lecture 2014

This year’s Annual Lecture was presented by Professor Stein Kaasa Professor of Palliative Medicine, Institute of Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim (NTNU). The presentation entitled Integration of palliative care into public health and cancer care: a vision or a must? examined the demographic and organisational challenges of palliative care, as well as models of care and the current evidence. To view Professor Kaasa’s presentation please visit our website link here: http://www.csi.kcl.ac.uk/the-cicely-saunders-annual-lecture-by-professor-stein-kaasa.html

Some recent publications from the Cicely Saunders Institute:


For more publications please visit our website http://www.csi.kcl.ac.uk/publications.html

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

Non-pharmalogical interventions for refractory chronic cough patients

28 January 2015
16.30 – 17.30
Dr Surinder Birring
Consultant Respiratory Physician, Honorary Senior Lecturer, King’s College Hospital

Palliative care Outcome Scale (POS) development training workshops

5 and 6 February 2015
All day, two-day conference
Mixed speakers for clinician and researcher training days, but confirmed presenters include Professor Irene Higginson, Professor Claudia Bausewein, Dr Fliss Murtagh and Dr Lucy Selman

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