

Allied Health Profession (AHP) Clinical Lead – Connecting People, Connecting Support (CPCS) May Flash Report



Background

NHSGGC secured funding to appoint an AHP Clinical Lead for CPCS (1 day a week for 1 year) which links directly to the AHP Director and AHP Dementia Consultant. The project is due to end in April 2025.

Key priorities for the year will be aligned to the Connecting People, Connecting Support Strategy and this position works with the National AHP Dementia Forum.

The CPCS Strategy outlines how AHP's in Scotland can support people with a diagnosis of dementia, their families and carers to have positive, fulfilling and independent lives for as long as possible. The aspiration is that people living with dementia will have better access to a range of AHP's regardless of age, place of residence and throughout the course of their illness.

CPCS Key Themes

Visible and easy access to AHP expertise through self management information and targeted interventions at the earliest time.

AHP's that understand **they** are experts in the impact of **their** disease on **their** lives.
The right support delivered in partnership in the right place and time.

Services led by AHP's skilled in high quality personal outcome focused dementia care. They will lead quality improvement and share best practice.

Therapists who are committed to high quality, rights based, person centred AHP rehabilitation who will drive improvement, innovation and research.



Barriers and Challenges

- Limited by project time frame.
- Board size.
- Staff time constraints impacting on availability for questionnaire completion/focus groups.

What Next?

- Attend National AHP Dementia Forum Workshop.
- Promote role and project during Dementia Awareness Week
- Launch staff questionnaire.
- PEPI short survey.

Project Areas Now

Lived Experience

- Visits with Alzheimer Scotland and Mental Health Network to engage with service users and family/carers.
- Project support from PEPI to access Care Opinion and Involving People Network.
- What is an AHP? And CPCS presentations created for staff, service users, family and carers.

Promoting Excellence

- Creating links with all Allied Health Professions in NHSGGC.
- Connected with HEI – GCU and Strathclyde.
- Developing staff/student Webropol to gather data on training needs and current skill levels.

Local Context

- Information gathering on current AHP referral pathways within GG&C.
- Discovering what access service users, their families and carers have to AHP's and at what stage.

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