

# **Application for funding of a Trial of RemindMeCare therapy amongst patients with early to mid-stage dementia at Kingston Hospital**

## **Proposal**

A Trial involving up to 50 people with dementia admitted to Kingston Hospital between September 2017 and September 2018 for elective surgery and/or emergency and voluntary participation in reminiscence therapy individually and or participation in group therapy session(s).

Carers will be invited to assist the patient with dementia in participation of individual and/or group sessions.

Individual and group sessions will be led by a practice nurse.

Sessions will be monitored by a nurse practitioner (allocated to the pilot on a part-time basis for the duration of the scheme).

Group sessions will be conducted by a qualified psychologist recruited by competition and paid on a sessional basis.

Sessions for individuals and group sessions will use RemindMeCare software and tablets provided for the purpose of the trial by Health Connected Ltd.

A steering group has been appointed to oversee the trial and will be invited to agree a report on the trial and the outcomes - input will be invited of the patients, their carers; nurse lead and others whom participated; the psychologist; Health Connected Ltd.

All participants have provided a DBS check.

The Trial has been reviewed by the ethics committee of Kingston Hospital.

All data collated by Health Connected Ltd is subject to confidentiality and remains the property of the patient and their carer; internet security is provided through encryption and secure deletion at the request of the patient and their approved carer.

## **Funding**

Nurse Practitioner @ 30% of salary 2017/2018

Psychologist @ competitive hourly rate x 20 sessions for 1.5 hours per session (£1,900 inc.travel and attendance at steering committee for final report)

Tablets x 10 @ £250 = £2,500 Software @ £800 + £800

The nurse will provide data to enable an assessment of the effectiveness of the use of tablets and the software in assisting carers and the patient with dementia during the stay at Kingston Hospital and whether the scheme has a positive or negative impact on discharge following completion of clinical treatments.

The assessment will provide data on:

**Kingston input:**

Number of attendances at individual and group sessions.

Satisfaction of attendees based on self-assessment of session; the ease of use of the tablet and associated software.

Self-assessment of the sessions measured for overall mood; capacity and well-being.

Period of admission to Kingston (weeks) by patients.

Period of "delayed" discharge (days).

Did patient return/enter home care/residential/nursing care/self-care with support/without support.

Summary of nurse input and his/her assessment of the pilot outcomes for future engagement and support of patients at Kingston Hospital.

**HCL input:**

No of times ReMe used at admission and generated impact.

Assessment of reduced medication.

Number of reme activities run across trials and with nos of patients.

Number of family reme engagements.

Wellbeing assessment.

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