

Partnership in action!

Care Home, NHS Lothian & EHSCP

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What is partnership?

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

Henry Ford.



Elsie Inglis Nursing Home History

- Elsie Inglis is set within the original Elsie Inglis Memorial Maternity Hospital (EIMHH)***
- EIMHH was opened in 1925 and closed in 1988***
- It is situated on the very edge of Holyrood Park, with panoramic views of Arthur's Seat and Salisbury Crags with private access to the many paths and features of the Royal Park.***
- After closure of hospital the building was converted and opened as a Nursing Home in 1992 with 69 rooms. It then closed in 2011***
- Now refurbished to a premium and modern nursing home and re-opened in 2021 with 49 rooms***



Partnership Background

- In November 2021 there were increased pressures on NHS beds due to a shortage of care at home services*
- Elsie Inglis was approached by Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to provide interim care*
- 19 rooms on the ground floor of the home was block purchased subsequently*
- There was no lead GP service in place at the time therefore, NHS Lothian provided Advanced Nurse Practitioner cover instead*
- ANP was supported by a consultant geriatrician*



Challenges!

- *Lack of an appreciation among public sector colleagues about how independent sector works including contracts and regulatory requirements*
- *Clarification of roles of responsibilities*
- *Covid – 19 isolation guidance on discharge from hospitals at the time*
- *Decision making process about suitability of patients for interim care*
- *Managing discharge process is a work in progress!*



Opportunities!

- Utilizing excellent skills, knowledge and facilities of care home staff to relieve pressure on hospital beds
- Better outcomes for the patients as they live in their private room as well as have freedom to use satellite kitchens, lounges and dining rooms etc.
- Reduced risk of hospital acquired infections
- Reduced costs compared to staying in a hospital without a medical need
- Slower paced support for the that improves resident's confidence

*A Problem
is Just a
Misunderstood
Opportunity.*

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Lessons Learned

- *Communication*
- *Teamwork*
- *Trust and respect*
- *Learn from mistakes*
- *Baby steps! Incremental improvement*
- *Patients and residents at the centre of decision making*



*Thank you very much
for attending this
session*

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