

**Practice Development Unit -2007**

The Practice Development Unit utilises a range of approaches to enable individuals, teams and organisations to improve the quality of health care and the patients experience in a modernising NHS. The Practice Development Unit aims to influence the culture of practice by:

- Promoting & facilitating knowledge transfer
- Translating evidence into practice
- Responding to national/local healthcare priorities and
- Ensuring best practice is recognised & shared across the country

**Cultural Indicators of Practice Development**

- Direct focus and impact on practice rather than focus on professional development
- Use of diverse but transparent sources of evidence to inform decision making
- Need to match organisational and strategic activity at the patient client interface (McCormack et al 1999)

Manley K ( 2000)

**Practice Development Characteristics**

- It focuses upon the improvement of patient care
- It incorporates a range of approaches
- It takes place in real practice settings
- It is underpinned by the development and active engagement of practitioners
- It is collaborative and interprofessional
- It is evolutionary
- It is transferable rather than generalisable

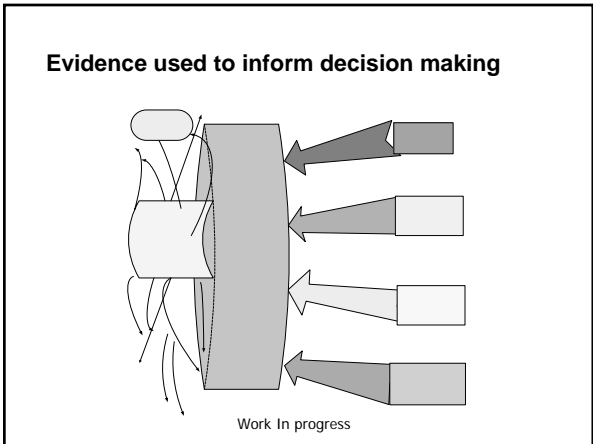
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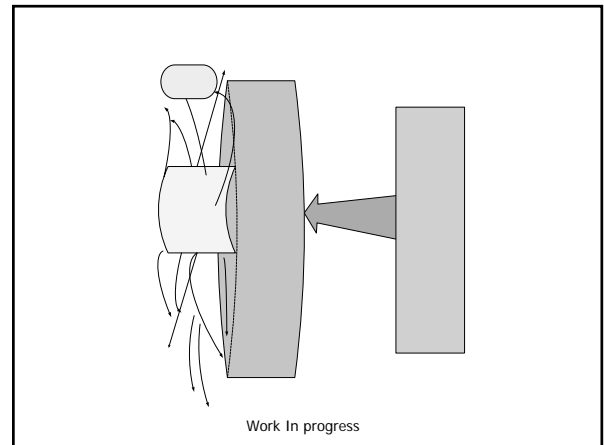
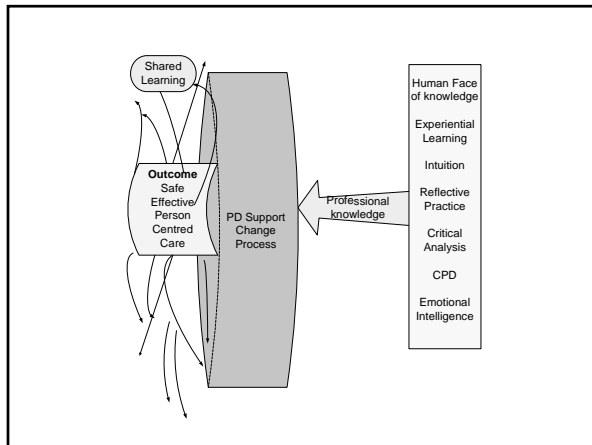
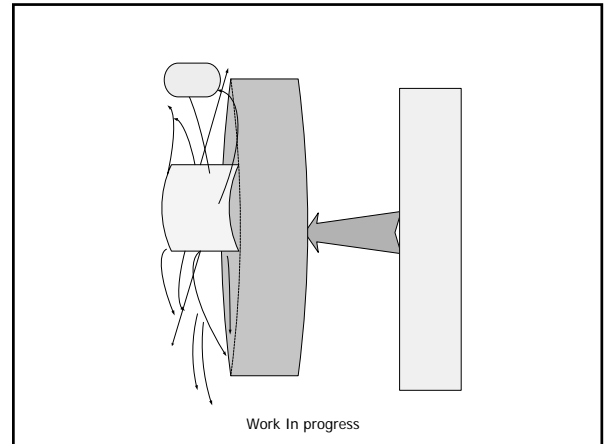
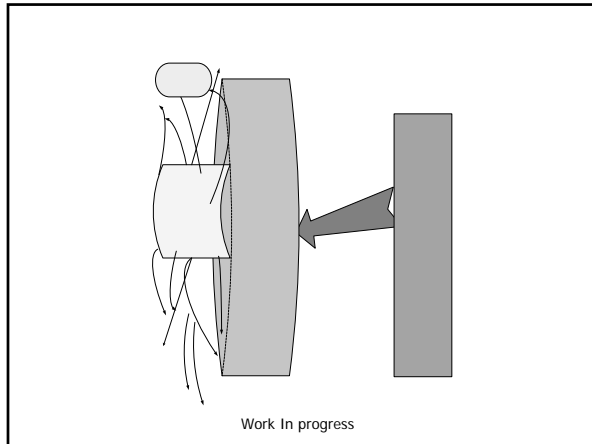
**Getting Research/Evidence into Practice**

Factors which feature in successful translation of evidence into practice.

- Ownership by practitioners is key
- Champions are important to maintain enthusiasm and a point of Contact
- Leadership is necessary to support champions and promote change
- Contextual analysis of the local situation is required
- The evidence and potential change must have credibility
- The research must be translated
- There should be adequate support mechanisms
- Change should be integrated into existing systems and practice

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**Topic Specific Groups - April 05**

- Children
- Musculoskeletal
- Stroke

Aim to identify the top five clinical improvement priorities for AHPs in each topic area and make recommendations to NHS QIS about future work programme.

**Children's Services:**

- Nutritional Support for Children with special needs
- Clinical Modalities for Management of muscle tone
- Integrated 24 hr postural management care pathways
- Ankle Foot orthoses for children with cerebral palsy
- Effective interventions for functional improvement in children with coordination difficulty

**Stroke:**

- Aphasia
- Shoulder Pain
- Management of Dysphagia
- Guidance on use of ankle foot orthoses
- Effective interventions for management of gait and balance

**Musculoskeletal:**

- Falls

### Stroke Projects

#### The Road to Recovery

The Road to Recovery  
Hard to swallow  
A series of books written by Allied Health Professionals and Nurses

The Road to Recovery  
One step at a time  
The use of assistive technology following stroke

The Road to Recovery  
Aphasia in Scotland  
Project

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### Children's Topics

#### Nasogastric and Gastrostomy Feeding in Children

#### Key Findings from the Research

### Developmental Coordination Disorder

Improving practice - An evidence based framework for practitioners

### Musculoskeletal Project Falls

- Falls Programme Manager – December 07
- Managed Knowledge Network Launched April 08
- Community of practice for falls Launched April 08


### Communities of Practice

'Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.

Lave, J and Wenger E (1991)

### Masterclass

- *“The masterclass will provide participants with access to academic and clinical specialists in the field, providing an opportunity to explore a topic in detail, understand the range of evidence available to inform decision making and consider implications for patient care and current practice”*

**THE ROAD TO RECOVERY** 

**Stroke Masterclasses**

A one day event for AHPs & Nurses to share clinical expertise, research and best practice in the area of stroke.

**Who Should Attend?**

- Allied Health Professionals specialising in the assessment & rehabilitation of stroke patients
- Nurses specialising in the care of stroke patients

**Wednesday 7 November 2007**

Hear about the practice development stroke programme on aphasia, dysphagia, early mobilisation and visual screening. You will have the opportunity to:

- Hear from an expert in the field of stroke
- Improve your knowledge and understanding of the evidence available to inform your decision making
- Learn about the outcomes and developments from the Practice Development Unit project work
- Share your clinical expertise and experience with colleagues across Scotland

The Beardmore Hotel & Conference Centre, Clydebank, Glasgow

**'Patients perspective was very beneficial'**

Quote from delegate



**'Very powerful presentation by patient'**

Quote from delegate



**Ankle Foot Orthoses Masterclass**



**'Excellent day, now keen to implement in my practice'**

Quote from delegate




**'Excellent opportunity for networking & sharing experience'**

Quote from delegate.





**'Improved awareness of treatment available'**

Quote from delegate

**Visual Screening Masterclass**






**Direction of travel**

- QIS Independent Evaluation Strengthen engagement with service, especially staff directly involved with patient care
- Themed work programme
- Greater internal coherence

### Strategic Themes

Theme	Theme Coordinator
Cancer	Hilary Davison
Primary Care	Steven Wilson
Long Term Conditions	June Wylie
Cardiovascular Disease	Safia Qureshi
Clinical Governance and Patient Safety	Hazel Borland
Maternal and Child Health	Fiona Dagge-Bell
Mental Health	Sean Docherty
Vulnerable Groups	Executive Team

### Next Steps

- Raising the profile of PD for Nurses, Midwives and AHPs
- AHP Network focus on PD
- Pursue opportunities for further joint working with key stakeholder
- Building an evidence base for models of PD support
- More implementation support and
- Children's Masterclass event 2008
- Response to Aphasia in Scotland Report
- Response to DCD report
- **National Practice Development Strategy**

### Childrens Masterclass 2008

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Developmental Coordination Disorder
- Enteral Feeding
- Postural Management