



### **Welcome to the ENRICH Scotland Research Bulletin**

We are pleased to introduce the first edition of the ENRICH Scotland Research Bulletin, a new six-monthly update for academics and researchers with an interest in care homes.

This bulletin replaces our previous quarterly online meetings and aims to offer a more flexible and accessible way to stay informed and connected.

### **Latest Webinar**

In Conversation with Professor Susan Shenkin, Care Home Manager Shona MacDonald and ENRICH Scotland Clinical Studies Officer Bernie McNally about their Data Sharing Partnership Project - [https://youtu.be/c5\\_GcAYSz2g](https://youtu.be/c5_GcAYSz2g) or [https://open.spotify.com/episode/0NFsTu7Ueoikm5MOcE4F3O?si=WTeBWrJzSqWYf\\_WN0190fA](https://open.spotify.com/episode/0NFsTu7Ueoikm5MOcE4F3O?si=WTeBWrJzSqWYf_WN0190fA)

### **Upcoming Training and Events**

#### **Community Nursing Research Masterclass**

**Date:** Thursday, 3 July 2025

**Location:** Online

Hosted by The Queen's Institute of Community Nursing, this free one-hour masterclass will feature Professor Clare Jinks from Keele University. The session will provide insights into research methods and guidance on selecting appropriate methodologies for community nursing research. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

#### **Scotland's Health Research and Innovation Conference 2025**

**Date:** Thursday, 23 October 2025

**Location:** Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)

This event offers a platform for researchers, scientists, innovators, healthcare staff, policymakers, industry, and the public to engage with cutting-edge research and innovation. The conference will spotlight developments in therapies, technologies, and collaborative efforts aimed at improving health and well-being across Scotland. Find out more, [here](#).

#### **Demystifying AI Online Course**

**Availability:** Ongoing

**Location:** Online

Offered by King's Health Partners, this free, CPD-accredited course introduces Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning in healthcare. The course is designed for healthcare professionals and researchers interested in understanding AI concepts, applications, and ethical considerations. It includes video lectures, interactive quizzes, and case studies, with specialisation modules tailored to clinical, radiological, and non-clinical roles. Find out more, [here](#).

### **Publications From the Forum and Beyond**

*We invite forum members to share their recent publications relevant to care home research.*

#### **The Uncertainties and Questions of Care Home Residents, Relatives and Staff as a Basis for Evidence-Based Improvement and Research**

**Authors:** Reena Devi, Kirsty Jayne Haunch, Elizabeth Helen Graham, Alys Wyn Griffiths, Gary Hodge, Andrew Clegg, Maria Drummond, Anne Forster, Susie Pearce, Karen Spilsbury, Carl Thompson

**Journal:** Age and Ageing (2025)

**DOI:** [10.1093/ageing/afaf125](https://doi.org/10.1093/ageing/afaf125)

This paper presents findings from a national priority setting partnership exploring the questions and uncertainties that matter most to those living, working, and connected with care homes. Using a participatory approach, the study identified shared concerns across residents, relatives, and staff to inform the direction of future care home research and service improvement. The work offers a foundation for co-produced, evidence-based research priorities aligned with the lived experiences of care home communities. The ENRICH Scotland team carried out the Scottish data collection for this study.

#### **The Experiences of People From Ethnic Minority Backgrounds Living in Care Homes-A Qualitative Systematic Review**

**Authors:** Lorna Hollowood, Julie Taylor, Kerry Allen

**Journal:** Journal of Advanced Nursing (2025)

**DOI:** [10.1111/jan.17060](https://doi.org/10.1111/jan.17060)

This systematic review synthesises qualitative evidence on the experiences of care home residents and their families from ethnic minority backgrounds.

### **Funding Opportunities**

#### **MSc Scholarships in Digital Health and Care**

The Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (DHI), in partnership with the Scottish Government, is offering fully funded scholarships for students undertaking an MSc in Digital Health and Care. These scholarships are designed to support the next generation of innovators and leaders committed to improving health, care, and wellbeing through digital solutions. Applicants can choose from a range of MSc programmes across Scottish universities, including part-time and online options, ideal for those balancing work and study. The scholarships aim to foster skills that align with Scotland's ambition to deliver digitally enabled, person-centred care.

#### **Important deadlines**

- 30 June for September 2025 start dates
- 31st of August for January 2026 start dates

For eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit: [www.dhi-scotland.com/masters-scholarships](https://www.dhi-scotland.com/masters-scholarships)

#### **NIHR Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR) Programme – Evaluating Hospital at Home/Virtual Wards**

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is inviting applications for research evaluating the delivery, integration, and impact of Hospital at Home and virtual ward services. This funding opportunity aims to support studies that assess how these services are implemented, their effectiveness, and their impact on health and social care outcomes. Research proposals should focus on areas such as service delivery models, integration with existing health and social care systems, patient and staff experiences, and cost-effectiveness.

Applications are encouraged from multidisciplinary teams, including those involving social care providers and service users.

For more information and to apply, please visit [the NIHR funding opportunity page](#).

### **Vivensa Foundation Academy Ignition Fund**

The Vivensa Foundation (formerly the Dunhill Medical Trust) has various grants available to support projects in ageing-related research and social innovation. Check out their [funding guidance page](#) for their current open calls and eligibility criteria.

### **ENRICH Scotland Update**

In May, the ENRICH Scotland team came together for an in-person meeting to reflect on our engagement activities with care homes across the country. We discussed what is working well and where we can strengthen our approach, particularly in how we connect face-to-face with care home staff, residents, and relatives. These conversations are essential as we continue our shift from supporting care homes to become Research Ready to now supporting them to become Research Active and embedding research activity into everyday care home life. We are proud to report that we now have 435 Research Ready care homes in the ENRICH Scotland network. These care homes have demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting research and we look forward to continuing to build our relationships with their staff, residents and relatives in the future.

We also wish to extend a congratulations and share that Diane will be going on maternity leave in September. We are in the process of formalising arrangements to ensure continued support for care homes located within the region of Greater Glasgow and Clyde during her absence, and we will share further details in due course.

Looking ahead, our next in-person team meeting will take place in July, where we will continue to build on our learning and develop our plans for the year ahead.

*We welcome your contributions - if you have a recent publication, upcoming event, or funding opportunity that would be of interest to the Forum, please get in touch.*

*Thank you for being part of this growing community of researchers dedicated to improving the evidence base for care in later life. We also thank our care home partners for their ongoing collaboration and commitment to improving evidence-based care.*

**For further information or to contribute to future bulletins, please email [tay.enrichscotland@nhs.scot](mailto:tay.enrichscotland@nhs.scot)**

**Thanks and best wishes,**

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