



LOTHIAN DEMENTIA PROJECT

This is the first announcement of a new Dementia project which covers NHS Lothian, Lothian Local Authority areas and organisations in the independent and voluntary sector who care for people with dementia.

WHAT IS ON OFFER IMMEDIATELY

- Free or low price training
- Free or low price access to undergraduate or post-graduate modules from the University of Stirling
- Books and educational material
- More....if you have a suggestion of what might help you!

HOW THE PROJECT WILL WORK

Any staff in Lothian may come into contact with people with dementia. This may take place in specialist services or units, in community care, or in the acute services sector. The responsibility for people with dementia crosses a wide range of staff.

In March, we will be holding a convention to decide what needs to be done to make caring for people with dementia, particularly just after they have been diagnosed, easier for staff. A formal programme will start in April and run for two years. In the mean time, in response to early discussions, it has been decided to offer educational support to any staff who would be interested. This includes

- Free publications and resources from the Dementia Services Development Centre
- A six part study course for care home staff
- A six part study course for care assistants in the NHS (accredited by the RCN)
- One day courses including a wide range of subjects including Nutrition and people with dementia; Effective responses to continence;
- Understanding dementia; an undergraduate level CPD module

- End of life care and dementia; a post-graduate level CPD course
- Design and technology and dementia; a stand alone module on dementia
- Free books and learning materials for staff

BOOK NOW FOR COURSES THAT WILL START IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY OR MARCH.

For further information contact june.andrews@stir.ac.uk or telephone 01786 467740

For general information about the courses visit the DSDC website at

www.dementia.stir.ac.uk