



Solent
NHS Trust



Care Home

Research Partnership

The **Academy** of
Research and Improvement

What is Solent NHS Trust Care Home Research Partnership?

The Care Home Research Partnership is a collaboration between the research team at Solent NHS Trust and care homes (including nursing and assisted living facilities) across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It aims to increase opportunities for residents, carers and staff to take part in health and care research.



ABOUT US



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The Care Home Research Partnership scheme started in 2016, and since then, we've worked with over 30 homes.



You choose the studies that you feel will improve care or knowledge and we'll support you to take part through the entire study.



We offer help, advice, and practical guidance at each stage.



We also offer training and support in Improvement, Audit and Evaluation to help you to continue to provide great care for residents.

Benefits of being involved in Research

There are many benefits to being involved in research through the supportive Care Home Research Partnership.



For managers...



- drives improvement and innovation in your care home
- contribute to national research and important public health work
- supports your CQC inspection
- creates closer relationships with the wider care community
- unique training and development opportunities
- makes your care home attractive to residents, families and staff
- safe, ethical research delivered by experienced staff



For staff...



- broadens your knowledge and skills
- opportunities to have your voice heard on what is important
- supports your Continual Professional Development
- certificates of participation and voucher rewards
- be part of the bigger picture in terms of improving care and treatments

For residents ...



- opportunities to learn something new
- be part of change and improvement on a large scale
- help future generations
- enjoyable research visits from friendly staff

Those who took part said:

“It covered all parts of dental care. As a carer it is very useful for me, and residents as well”.

Oral health training participant



“It reminds me again, the importance of oral health and the way to do it, especially for residents”

Oral health training participant



“I am doing it for them [the residents]. This pneumonia is not going away, and if we can find something to help then it is worth it.”

A care assistant who took part in Pneumo65

In 2015, we were approached by what is now the Solent Academy to take part in a research project. We've taken part in many studies and research projects over the years, and have been especially involved in social care research studies. I am incredibly proud of our work supporting research, and this pride is shared by our residents, their families, and our team. It helps to motivate us, educate us and refocus our efforts. This is why we value every opportunity to assist in research - it's an excellent way to contribute to something bigger, as well as progress as a business and as carers.

Maria Bungaroo,
Manager of Braemar Care Home



What kind of research might you take part in?

There are many different research studies that you may be interested in. Here are some of the recent studies that have been completed:



Care home oral health training

- Online or face to face training package for staff
- To increase understanding and changes in practice



Nurse led pneumonia prevention: A pilot study of people living with frailty (Pneumo65)

- looking at diagnosis, treatment and management of respiratory illness and pneumonia
- residents provided swab and saliva samples and completed health questionnaires
- staff were interviewed on how they make decisions about diagnosis and treatment planning

Vivaldi

- Ground-breaking Public Health England study regarding Covid-19
- Looking at prevalence of virus and vaccine protection amongst residents and staff
- Regular PCR swabbing of residents and staff
- Series of blood tests from residents and staff
- Helped understand Covid-19 and save many lives across the country





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