



## A Person-Centred Vision of Care for People Living with Multiple Long-Term Conditions



for The Modern  
Outpatient  
Programme



# JOURNEY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH MULTIPLE LO

Choice of patient to share data

Share Data

What makes it hard?

ask what's wanted, what's available and how to get it  
ask what's needed  
ask what's possible

shared goals  
challenging in context of raising the priority of the patient  
at a point in time you have to choose between what you want to do and what you need to do

GP PRACTICE  
Need of patient to have a GP  
GP practice  
GP practice

voluntary organisation  
Delivering services  
Delivering services  
Delivering services

Third Sector/ voluntary  
Delivering services  
Delivering services

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Data flows  
Data flows

Route of care?

There's a lot of data  
It's not being used  
It's not being used

key points  
e.g. Diagnosis of MS  
e.g. Shared care team  
top persons in care

to date  
if in order to see what info is available  
with patient use computer use decisions rather than decisions made

ask what's needed

Delivering services  
Delivering services  
Delivering services

## A Person-Centred Vision of Care for People Living with Multiple Long-Term Conditions

The project employed a participatory design approach to develop a person-centred vision for the future of Outpatient services. Through interviews with people living with multiple long-term conditions, pop-up public engagement and co-design workshops with NHS staff, rich insights were generated about how people would like to be supported to self manage, and new models of person-centred care were designed.

Participants: **27** +  
General Public in  
**2** hospitals



**Methods:** Pop-up engagement  
In-depth interview  
Experience mapping  
Co-design workshop

**Seven Interviews**  
+ **Three Exp.Labs**  
+ **Two Pop-ups**  
+ **One Internal Lab**

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**Locations:**

- Glasgow (WEST)
- Edinburgh (EAST)
- Forres (NORTH)
- Dr Gray's hospital
- Raigmore hospital



**2017-2018**



**8** Hours Pop-up public engagement time

**6** Hours Internal Lab time

**Outputs:**

- 2 Reports x2
- 2 Videos x2
- 6 Visualisations x6

**Tools & Artefacts:**

- 4x Interview mapping tool
- 6x Current care maps
- 6x Person-centred care maps

multimorbidity

person-centred

future vision

**Key Findings:**

**1** Caring for the whole person rather than each individual condition.

**2** The importance of knowing the person's story and goals, and using these to shape their care.

**3** Care focused on supporting the person to get on with living life: doing the things they want to do and feeling productive.

+ a wealth of new ideas for supporting people to self manage, and new tools for health and care professionals

# BACKGROUND

The project was funded by the Digital Health and Care Institute (DHI), a Scottish Funding Council initiative between The Glasgow School of Art, the University of Strathclyde and NHS24. At The Glasgow School of Art, our research involves working with health and care professionals and the public to explore challenges in health and social care to come up with new ideas for improving services here in Scotland. In this project, we responded to a challenge set by The Modern Outpatient Programme at the Scottish Government, to identify opportunities to innovate care for people living with multiple long-term conditions.

In Scotland, it is estimated that 47 per cent of the adult population have at least one long term condition and the number of people who live with multiple and complex conditions is growing. Currently our specialist care is delivered in hospitals, with each condition treated separately. This way of organising care requires people living with multiple conditions to attend many different appointments, which impacts on their lives and can be very tiring, and also represents an inefficient use of NHS resources. This project asked the questions:

**How could our health system be organised around the person living with multiple long-term conditions rather than around individual conditions? How would this change their experience of care?**

# PROJECT AIM

The aim of the project was to develop a person-centred vision for the future of care for people living with multiple long-term conditions. The objectives were:

1. To understand the current challenge, specifically:
  - a) The challenges of living with multiple long-term conditions and the kinds of support people value;
  - b) The challenges health professionals experience in supporting people living with multiple long-term conditions within the current health and care system;
  - c) The challenges of innovating outpatient care.
2. To generate ideas for new ways of working to support people living with multiple long-term conditions:
  - a) To understand how people living with multiple long-term conditions would like to be supported in the future;
  - b) To support NHS staff to co-design new person-centred models of care to meet the needs and aspirations of people living with multiple long-term conditions.

# WHAT WE DID



## Public Engagement

We visited the outpatient reception areas of Raigmore Hospital in Inverness and Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin, to chat to the public about what they value about their care, and gather ideas to improve their experience. We took along some ideas based on insights from our previous work with people living with long-term conditions, along with the opener, 'What if...? Share your ideas for improving outpatient care'. Our conversations were recorded as sketches and post-its, and we took all the gathered ideas and comments along to inspire NHS staff at our co-design workshops.



## Interview maps

We interviewed four people living with multiple long-term conditions. In each interview, we worked together to make a visual map of their experience, recording how they currently manage their conditions as part of their daily life. We looked back to their experience of diagnosis and learning about their condition, and looked forward to understand their aspirations, and what future care they would value. Experiences of living with conditions such as diabetes, angina, depression, epilepsy, Crohn's disease and arthritis were explored. The interview maps were used as the central inspiration for our workshops with NHS staff.



## Workshops

Three workshops with NHS staff took place in Glasgow, Forres and Edinburgh. These sessions brought together consultants, GPs, nurses, allied health professionals, telehealth experts and managers from six NHS regions, to consider the current experience of services for people living with multiple long-term conditions. We shared the stories of the people we interviewed using the visual maps. The participants were asked to place a chosen individual at the centre, designing care around their needs and aspirations.



# KEY FINDINGS

During our pop-up public engagement we learned that **people highly value the health professionals and assistants who listen and understand their needs as an individual**. People told us about incredible doctors, nurses and teams taking great care of themselves or their loved ones. We also learned about the frustrations of parking near to the hospital, and the need for more practical information before an appointment.

From our interviews with people living with multiple long-term conditions, we understood **the importance of a person's experience when receiving a diagnosis**. This can impact on how people feel about their condition, how they engage with health professionals and the time it takes for them to accept, learn and manage their condition. The early stages can be an anxious time, and there is an opportunity to **improve the information shared about what they can expect** from both the condition and the health service.

We also learned that people rarely have conversations with health and care professionals that consider the impact of their multiple conditions and **discuss their health and wellbeing in an integrated way**. These types of conversations are vital in understanding how to self manage, and in supporting people to live well with their conditions.



One of the most insightful moments from the process was seeing **the transformative power of the real stories captured in the interview maps**. Interview participants generously shared their 'health stories' through the maps: NHS staff told us that having this level of **insight into the person's past experiences and aspirations for living well with their condition is hugely valuable in understanding how to design their care**.

Through the workshops we were able to place these real people at the centre of the service, and through this NHS staff identified many **opportunities to innovate care**. These ideas are presented in the following pages.

# PERSON-CENTRED JOB DESCRIPTION

Reflecting on the aspirations for future care people shared during the interviews, we generated a 'person-centred job description', specifying the activities, expertise and skills people were seeking from their health and care professionals. We shared this with NHS staff at our co-design workshops, and tasked them with designing the ideal future care team to fulfil the aspirations of people living with multiple long-term conditions.

## Activities:

- Build a collaborative relationship with people living with long term conditions to empower them to do the things they want to do, so that they are able to feel productive and useful, and live a fulfilling life;
- Provide high quality education following diagnosis to support people to understand their condition and the steps they can take to live well;
- Help people to think about the future, and make plans for their care and wellbeing;
- Encourage contact as needed, ensuring access is quick and easy to build trust that they will get in touch if they need support rather than on a scheduled basis;
- Discuss information about choices and results to empower the person to make informed decisions about their care;
- Help people to learn to identify their

personal symptoms and triggers early, to enable them to get support before a relapse or issue gets more serious;

- Support people to connect with other useful organisations and people living with the same condition.

## Skills and expertise:

- A passion for caring for people;
- Highly developed listening skills;
- An ability to empathise and put the person's wishes and aspirations at the centre;
- Openness and transparency.

## Goals:

- Interactions that are of high value to people living with long-term conditions (insightful, supportive and informative);
- The people you care for are empowered and largely autonomous, getting in touch when they need your support.

# FUTURE VISION

## NEW WAYS OF WORKING

- New ways of representing condition pathways that can be tailored to suit the person's goals, and their other conditions;
- Integrating social care and third sector organisations in care pathways;
- New specialist nursing roles for care of multiple long-term conditions;
- Symptom-led clinics.

## HIGH VALUE CONSULTATIONS

- Appointments with the most appropriate person when needed rather than scheduled follow-up;
- A longer first appointment with the specialist;
- Led by the person's goals, and a shared agenda;
- Insightful, supportive and informative;
- Reviewing care against the person's goals at every interaction.

## PERSON-CENTRED NOT CONDITION-CENTRED

Seeing the whole person rather than each individual condition;

Care that is focused on supporting the person to get on with living life: doing the things they want to do, feeling productive and fulfilled.

## NAVIGATING HEALTH AND CARE

- New ways of representing condition pathways to show the person where they are in the system;
- Open access to services to support the person to make appointments as needed;
  - See and discuss any choices in the pathways to ensure they suit their goals.

## INFORMATION AND INSIGHT TO SUPPORT SELF MANAGEMENT

- Good quality information at diagnosis to support the person to understand their condition and 'what to do when';
- Access to meaningful results and support to manage multiple medications;
- Early conversations and training about self management.



# DESIGN CONCEPTS

## TOOLS TO SUPPORT NEW WAYS OF WORKING

There are opportunities for new digital tools to support staff caring for people living with multiple long term conditions supported by access to person-owned data.



## TOOLS TO SUPPORT 'GOOD CONVERSATIONS'



Using access to the person's own 'health story' to support clinicians to use best practice approaches (like House of Care and Teach Back) in their consultations.

Aligned to this are resources to help the person reflect on their agenda before the appointment and get the most from their time with the clinician.

## PERSON-CENTRED DATA SHARING THROUGHOUT THE CARE TEAM

OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE PERSON

## TOOLS TO NAVIGATE HEALTH AND CARE

There are opportunities for new visual ways of communicating clinical pathways for specialists, staff in general practice and for people using the service.



This could use person-owned data to personalise the pathways, showing people where they are in the system, and communicating choices to support decision making based on their goals.

## TOOLS TO SUPPORT SELF MANAGEMENT

'What to do when'  
A resource to support people to understand their condition, know their personal symptoms and triggers; and know what to do to manage symptoms and when (and who) to contact if additional support is required (a bit like a lightweight Anticipatory Care Plan).

Aligned to this are resources to support people to understand their results and medications.



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