

Managing health and care in Care Homes is a key aspect of the Primary Care Networks and local and regional priorities.

The Enhanced Care in Care home models developed from the Vanguard sites is the evidence model this is based on. It is therefore important that the evidence base is enhanced and more research and evaluation can take place in Care Homes. Link: <https://www.enhancedcare.org/>

Care Home Specific Projects

Title	CCG	Description	Progress to date
SPCR health and wellbeing in care homes over time		Analysis of data from existing cohort studies, to present a picture of changes in health and wellbeing of older adults in care homes over time.	Data analysis completed, write up in progress.
Feasibility/pilot cluster randomised controlled trial of use of NEWS2 scores in care homes	Sunderland	A trial to develop implementation of the National Early Warning Score (NEWS) for care homes.	Funding awarded. Research to start late 2019.
Uncovering ways in which carers of very old people with multiple conditions can be supported to maintain their own physical and psychological wellbeing: a qualitative interview study	CCGs across NENC and elsewhere in the UK	A qualitative study with the Newcastle 85+ study cohort, including any resident in care homes, to explore their carers' experiences and the impact on their own health and wellbeing and needs for support.	Research in progress.
Organising GP services in care homes	Several CCGs within NENC, Yorkshire and Humber	A multi-method study to identify effective and cost effective ways of organising general practice for care homes and evaluate the impact on residents' outcomes, general practice and care home staff.	Data collection almost complete; report in progress.
Care home staffing and quality of care (Leeds University)		A mixed-methods approach to investigate the relationship between care home staffing and quality of care.	Research in progress.
Frailty in Care Home Residents (Leeds University)		A programme of work looking at frailty in care homes.	Write up in progress.
Evaluation of the Sunderland Connected Care Homes programme: Stakeholder views of the Telehealth Care Home Digital Tablet	Sunderland	A qualitative, exploratory study using qualitative methods. Interviews were conducted with care home staff, residents, family members, and external healthcare staff involved with the Sunderland Telehealth Care Home Digital Tablet.	Research completed; report available on request.
Are track and trigger illness severity scores good NEWS for care home residents?	Sunderland	Good NEWS for care home residents? In this study, quantitative and qualitative data analysis were used to examine the use and potential impact of the National Early Warning Score in care homes.	A report has been produced for Sunderland CCG/Academic Health Science Network. An article has been submitted to journal Age and Ageing.