

BOUGH Now...

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Study update

We have all had a very busy start to the year, working on pulling together our findings as well as finishing off data collection. Nicola has been busy recruiting commissioners of home care to complete a survey and a telephone interview. Justine and Kristian have now almost completed their interviews with clients of home care, relatives, and home care workers. We have now almost finished the data analysis for the participant observation element of the study (where Sam and Lucy worked as home carers and kept notes about their experiences) and we are now moving on to analysing the interview transcripts.

We have another two intensive data analysis days planned in April which we hope will further shape our publications. The first five of our these are now beginning to take shape, and we have plans for a further four.

NEWS

Our colleague, Dr Kezia Scales from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, has been joining our meetings through telephone or video link so far but we are hoping she will be able to visit us in Nottingham in the spring. Kezia is a sociologist whose work centers on improving the quality of life of older persons with dementia through a focus on the direct-care workforce and the delivery of person-centered care. She will also be presenting the BOUGH study, along with Cheryl and Kristian, at the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) 2017 World Congress in San Francisco in July.

More information:

For a copy of previous newsletters or our participant information sheet, please contact Miriam Thomson, Study Administrator (details below).

Additional information can be found on our website at:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/dementia/projects/bough/index.aspx>

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2017 Conferences

Last year we presented the BOUGH study at several national and international conferences. We aim to present findings this year and have applied to present at the following conferences:

- The NIHR School for Social Care Research, London
- The British Society of Gerontology, Swansea
- The IAGG World Congress, San Francisco
- The College of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference, Birmingham

We also hope to submit abstracts to the Alzheimer Europe Conference to be held in Berlin

The Alzheimer's Society have found that across all providers only 1 in 3 homecare workers have dementia training. They are calling for:

- Minimum dementia training standards
- Dementia-specific training for all home care workers
- Inspections of the quality of dementia training
- A dedicated dementia lead as first point of contact for home care workers and families
- Government funding of dementia training for all home care workers.

Find out more about the campaign here:

https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/homepage/195/fix_dementia_homecare

We would like to thank all the CareGivers, managers, and past and present clients who have contributed to the BOUGH study and shared their insights and experience of home care and how CareGivers support clients with dementia to live at home.

We are nearly at the end of data collection but would still like to hear from any clients and CareGivers who would be interested in taking part in an informal interview about their experience of home care. This would be arranged at a convenient time and place.

If you would like to take part, or find out more about the study, please contact Kristian Pollock.

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Next Steps . . .

- Continue recruiting past and current clients and relatives, and home carers for final interviews
- Continue to analyse interview transcripts
- Hold two intensive data analysis meetings
- Continue with preparing the first publications of study findings
- Continue to liaise with artists to produce more artistic outputs for the study