

managing group dynamics and how to facilitate supervision remotely using video conferencing. Staff from different disciplines attended including therapists, nurses, social workers and counsellors. Bi-monthly meetings were arranged to support the group.

It has led to increasing the availability of supervision with seven of those who attended training now offering regular group supervision and drop-in sessions to our inpatient staff, living well team and non-clinical staff who have patient contact. Initial findings from surveying those who offered and received supervision suggest greater inter-disciplinary work and improved staff satisfaction. We discuss the results in terms of the resilience of our workforce in the context of pandemic, potential financial benefits and further opportunities and challenges.

**P-191** **CARING FOR OUR PEOPLE, A PROGRAMME FOR RESTORATIVE SUPERVISION**

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A programme of Restorative Supervision was introduced in May 2021 in response to the pressures observed on staff working in a hospice setting during a pandemic. Restorative Supervision aimed to bridge the gap between the existing staff support framework and provision for staff welfare. The aim was to maintain and restore collective wellbeing from the roots up by supporting the individual. The offer was directed to all patient-facing staff.

We researched different models including 'The Restorative Resilience Model of Supervision' developed by Dr Sonia Wallbank. The family support team including our spiritual care lead, bereavement lead and social workers were then trained to deliver the programme.

One of the staff groups experiencing significant stress during the pandemic were the Housekeeping Team. Their workload had increased significantly as they worked with the increasing pressure to maintain the safety of everyone else in the building. This put them under great physical and emotional stress. We identified housekeeping as our pilot group and began the roll out. We discussed the aim of the programme with the Head of the Department and ensured everyone was given a protected hour to attend a restorative session. We explained that the aim was to enable staff to protect their capacity to think and care for themselves and others.

In order to measure the quality and outcomes of the sessions we used two forms; a wellbeing questionnaire and a feedback form. The evidence so far suggests that staff welcomed the opportunity to talk in confidence and have felt 'listened to' in a safe and confidential space. We are now moving to the inpatient unit staff including nursing and care teams and will continue to collect evidence.

**P-192** **THE DEVELOPMENT OF 'WALK AND TALK' SUPERVISION FOR CLINICAL STAFF WITHIN A HOSPICE WORKING THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC**

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The Kirkwood multidisciplinary team (MDT) have embraced clinical supervision across all clinical departments and thus the clinical teams have felt supported and sustained whilst working through the pandemic.

The Kirkwood counselling team have provided supervision to MDT colleagues both in mixed groups and individually to staff. The concept of 'Walk and Talk' supervision was expressly developed as it was identified that sections of clinical staff felt increasingly isolated as they continued working remotely, from home. Staff who attended work on-site also felt equally isolated from colleagues as they felt a loss of and lack of sustaining contact with colleagues. All staff had to change their usual manner of working with attendant discomfort of routines.

Initially supervision was facilitated via video calls, however, not all staff had camera-enabled computers and this loss of visual contact was a huge barrier to engagement at depth. As this proved unsustainable, the idea of integrating nature focused, walking supervision took shape.

Counsellors took the NHS 'Steps to Mental Wellbeing' and adapted these to include:

- Connecting with others.
- A focus on being physically active.
- A commitment to learn new skills.
- A focus on gratitude.
- Integrating mindfulness and paying attention the present moment.

By walking alongside colleagues, the supervisor created an environment where threat was minimised which enhanced maximum engagement. Colleagues felt that this activity resulted in them feeling less exposed and reported that they felt less self-conscious reporting material. The message on the NHS website was re-enforced within the supervision space by direct human presence and contact so that colleagues were not required to 'rely on technology or social media alone to build relationships'.

**P-193** **'YOU'RE ON MUTE!': SCHWARTZ IN A GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

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**Background** Hospice staff encounter distress, physical and psychological pain every day (Pauly, Varcoe, Storch, 2012). Schwartz Centre Rounds (SCR) promote compassionate care and its link to patient experience (Point of Care Foundation). But who cares for the carer? SCR provide space for reflection, and shared experiences (Cullen, 2012) and during COVID-19 this is more vital than ever (Newcomb, 2021); our hospice Schwartz Steering Group was keen to continue SCR online to support colleagues. 'Reflection helps manage our responses and lives can be enhanced by cultivating compassion in our practice' (Sansó, Galiana, Oliver et al., 2015).

**Aims**

- Launch and sustain virtual monthly SCR for staff/volunteers to reflect and connect.
- Obtain feedback on virtual format through survey.
- Identify future SCR topics.
- Help decision making with SCR future facilitation.

**Methods**

- Steering group identified members confident in video-conferencing, producing supporting guidance for members.
- Discussion topics identified through feedback.
- Staff/volunteer speakers approached by steering group member; subsequent briefing discussion and format explanation.
- Brief online survey emailed to participants.

**Results** 36 members of staff responded to the survey: 55% clinical, 45% non-clinical staff. What participants like about Schwartz:

- Sense of community/connection.
- Non-judgmental space.
- Understanding others' roles.
- Aiding own reflection.
- Learning from others' views.

19 answered 'what could be done differently?' Ten people (from the total of 19) responded to say that they didn't think anything could be done differently. Themes identified were:

- Varying date/time to accommodate different working patterns.
- Taking advance questions.
- Return to physical meetings for easier interaction, especially before session.

Some commented how well an online platform worked, making it accessible to participants offsite. Ideas for future topics: understanding roles; COVID-19's impact; coping with stress.

**Conclusion** Online SCR transition was largely positively received. Overarching aim to allow people space to reflect, discuss challenging clinical scenarios and receive support. Despite anxiety about ability to connect emotionally remotely, the feedback showed sense of community and non-judgemental space for reflection was not compromised in a potentially isolating time. We aim to alternate face-to-face and remote SCR to improve access for staff/volunteers.

**P-194** **CLINICAL SUPERVISION IN THE HOSPICE INPATIENT UNIT**

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**Background** Clinical supervision has been defined as 'an exchange between practicing professionals to enable the development of professional skills' (Faugier & Butterworth, 1994): Conversely, Hyrkas et al suggested that although clinical supervision is encouraged widely in nursing literature, studies carried out (to the date of their published work) had failed to evidence how supervision benefits clinical practice (Hyrkas, Koivula, Paunomon, 1999). More recent research, however, suggests that clinical supervision supports practice and helps healthcare practitioners maintain and improve standards by reflecting and identifying workable strategies for future work (Sullivan & Garland, 2013). Because of this, clinical supervision is central to the process of lifelong learning and the benefits of clinical supervision outweigh its costs (Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospital, 2016). In the hospice setting, clinical supervision holds several challenges, with synchronising availability between clinical staff and facilitators being a significant factor within the inpatient unit.

**Aims** The aim of the project was to offer a meaningful clinical supervision resource to inpatient unit staff in line with the support being offered by the organisation to members of other teams. The Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC, 2018) states that clinical supervision should be available to registered nurses throughout their careers so they can constantly evaluate and improve their contribution to the care of people but identifying and testing a method which is workable for inpatient unit staff has been challenging, especially during a pandemic.

**Methods**

- Diarised group work with designated facilitators mixing members with varying job roles across the hospice with a generic scenario to discuss.
- Regular virtual sessions throughout the month organised by remote facilitator.

**Results** \* Method 1 attendance (Q4). Two staff members over four hours clinical supervision.

\* Method 2 attendance (Q4). 14 staff members over seven hours clinical supervision.

**Conclusions** It is clear to see from the above results that method 2 is a significantly more efficient way of engaging with staff than method 1.

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**EQUIPPING THE CARE HOME WORKFORCE FOR THE CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH END-OF-LIFE CARE**

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**Background** We have a globally aging population that is going to impact on health and social care provision (Bone, Gomes, Etkind, et al., 2018); by 2040 care homes will be the most common place of death in the UK (Bone, Gomes, Etkind, et al., 2018). The burden of care is going to fall on the care home sector; it is vital that we equip them with the relevant knowledge and skill base to ensure equitable and excellent end-of-life care.

**Aim** To provide a sustainable approach in care homes for delivery of high standard of end-of-life care through education. To ensure excellent standards of holistic care at the end-of-life.

**Methods** A structured 'Train the Trainer' educational package for care homes across two counties – provided by a collaboration of two hospices. This begins with a needs assessment and delivered through a blended learning approach:

- In person training.
- Discussion and case study.
- Personal reading and development.
- Virtual learning.
- Enquiry.

Followed by an audit to identify the learning and changes in practice. This will be supported by regular contact with educators.

**Results** Engagement with care homes across both counties, demonstrating effective training and ongoing support of champions. This will equip staff with a sustainable skill set and knowledge framework with a resulting change in end-of-life care which will meet the needs of our changing population (Bone, Gomes, Etkind, et al., 2018). This will include ongoing