

FCDS

Scaling up the Family Carer Decision Support Intervention: A transnational effectiveness-implementation evaluation

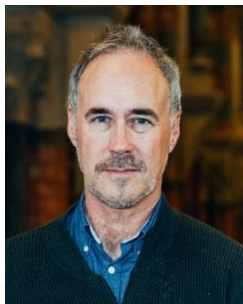
The aim of the Family Carer Decision Support (FCDS) intervention is to inform family carers on end of life care options for a person living with advanced dementia. Where it has been determined that a person living with dementia is unable to make a decision for themselves, care home staff must deliver care that is in the person's best interests. The overarching goal of this project is to extend its application transnationally. We will enrol 10 care homes that provide care for residents living with dementia in six partner countries, two care homes per partner country: United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Netherlands, Canada, Czech Republic, and Italy.

Expected project outcomes will include; (a) development of guidelines to facilitate transnational use of the FCDS within care homes; (b) staff education material including web learning resources; (c) family carer informational material including web learning resources; (d) measures and tools to evaluate the uptake and outcome of the FCDS intervention; (e) establish a transnational FCDS community of practice across study care homes; (f) estimated costs of providing the FCDS intervention; (g) evidence of enhancing decision making among family members regarding resident care and satisfaction with car. Ideally, decisions should be made involving those close to the person, typically a family carer, and the health and social care providers caring for the person.

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