

Care staff to share tricks of the trade

STAFF in care homes, hospitals and community centre will be able to collaborate more easily under a new scheme to be launched by Edinburgh University.

Connect in Care will provide a support network which enables workers in different care facilities to share expertise and experiences treating patients.

The scheme had been hailed by university chiefs as a tool to improve the quality of care being received by the elderly.

Project leader Heather Wilkinson, from the university's centre for research on families and relationships, said: "It is hoped that this initiative will begin to address the concerns that people have about the quality of care for older people, and also promote the excellent work that is being done in the sector.

"A wealth of information about best practice is available, but support is needed to help people use it. Connect in Care will enable staff from different sectors to share their experience and expertise, so that improvements can be made."

