

SPARC – Supportive & Palliative Action Register in the Community

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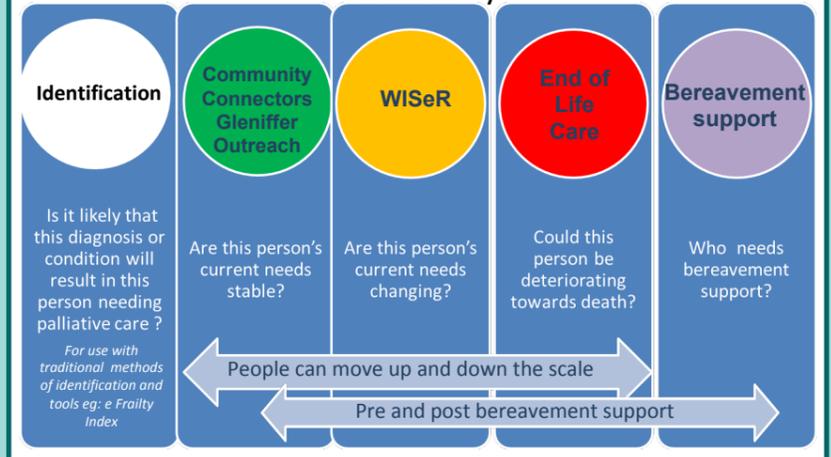
Introduction

A previous partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support aimed to redesign community based palliative care in Renfrewshire. This led to the testing of **SPARC-Supportive and Palliative Action Register in the Community**. Key outputs included:

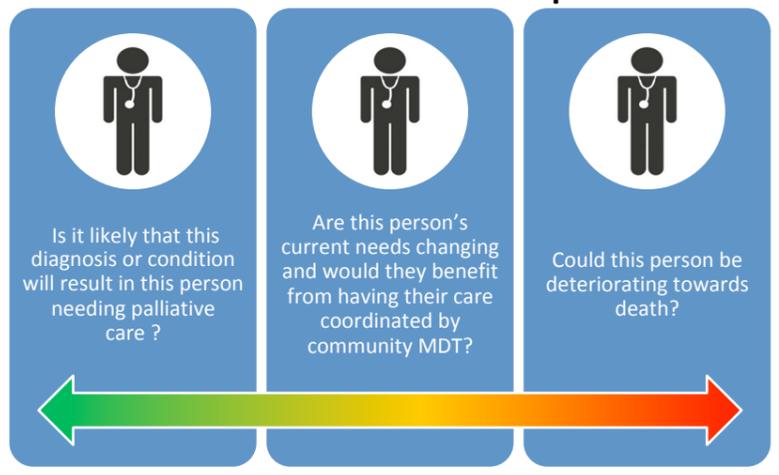
- development of MDT meetings called WISeR which stands for Weekly Integrated System Response
- development of a social prescribing model for people with a palliative condition whose support needs are stable, which we refer to as the **Green Stream**

This led to a year-long partnership with Healthcare Improvement Scotland to test ways to more effectively identify people who would feed into these services, which was funded by Healthcare Improvement Scotland's iHub.

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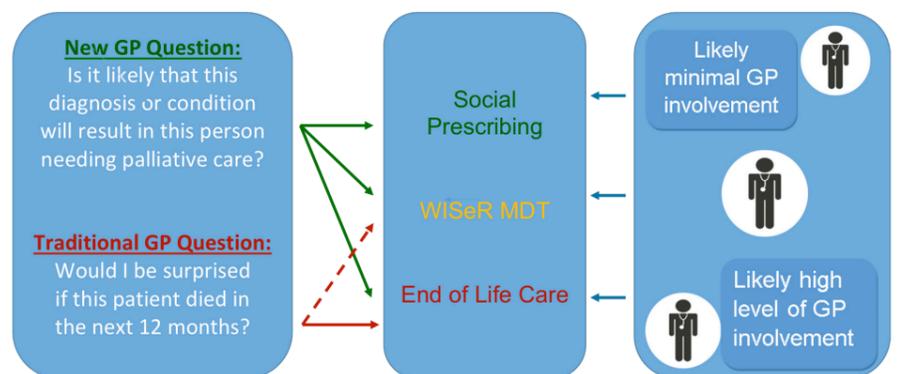


Identification: new GP question?



New GP Question

The main shift in thinking was to establish how to identify people who would benefit from the Green Stream, the social prescribing arm of the SPARC approach. This led to the development of a 'new' GP question to identify people much earlier in their disease or condition. The traditional 'surprise question' is still helpful for identifying people approaching the end of their life, but we want to offer support and advice long before this, facilitating **early palliative care**.



SPARC Registers

Through our work with the GP practices, it became apparent that there are a wide variety of approaches to managing palliative care registers and meetings. Therefore, we have developed a new 'SPARC' register format that supports both identification and discussion of these individuals. This register can be shared with other practices should they wish to use it.

