

A Stitch in Time? aims to evidence the contribution of the third sector to the Reshaping Care for Older People agenda.



## A Stitch in Time Newsletter



## Hello Jane

In this last A Stitch in Time? newsletter we have news about the final events in March for those who were not there, an update of the publications launched since the previous newsletter and answer the question 'What's next?'

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## Patchwork Bits and Pieces

Want to know more about A Stitch in Time? go to our webpages [here](#)

Have a question that we haven't answered yet or want information about A Stitch in Time? please contact Diane Kennedy [here](#)

## A good ending



The final A Stitch in Time? event 'All sewn up?' in March saw over 50 people come together to hear and celebrate the achievements of the programme. Read the highlights in this infographic [here](#).

The parliamentary reception, hosted by Jim Eadie MSP was a great opportunity for the work to be highlighted to a wider audience. We were delighted when Mr Alex Neil MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities & Pensioners' Rights, announced funding to extend the programme. See Threading the Needle below.

For an overview of the programme read the [final evaluation report](#) submitted to our funders.

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## Publications update



In the last few months of the programme the publications were reviewed and revised, and more documents were completed. The full list of publications can be seen [here](#).

### Learning from A Stitch in Time? A commissioners' guide



Just out! This [commissioners' guide](#) shares the learning from A Stitch in Time? It shows the third sector's role in ensuring health and wellbeing, how to commission outcomes, and use evidence from third sector organisations. In addition, there are tips to support projects with self-evaluation.

"The benefits of befriending: A study using the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS)" by Befriending Networks.

This [study](#) explores perceptions of change in mental wellbeing among older clients of befriending (and related) projects following receipt of befriending support, using WEMWBS as a measuring tool.



The last A Stitch in Time? publication coming soon is 'Dementia-friendly communities, Edinburgh City Initiatives 2014-2015'

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## What's next? - Threading the Needle

We are taking the learning from A Stitch in Time? into a new thematic programme. [Threading the Needle](#) is a programme to support health and social care commissioners in four health and social care partnership areas to use third sector evidence to commission outcomes for health and social care. A letter of invitation to participate has been sent to Integration Authorities and Third Sector Interfaces across Scotland. The four areas will be announced on our website by the end of August.



Check out the [webpage](#) for more details.

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## And finally ...

We would like to say a [big thank you](#) to all of you who have worked with us especially all the members of the working groups and those who provided case studies and photographs. Your contribution has

added hugely to the success of A Stitch in Time?

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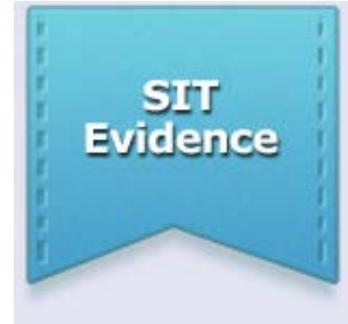
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for Evaluation Support  
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