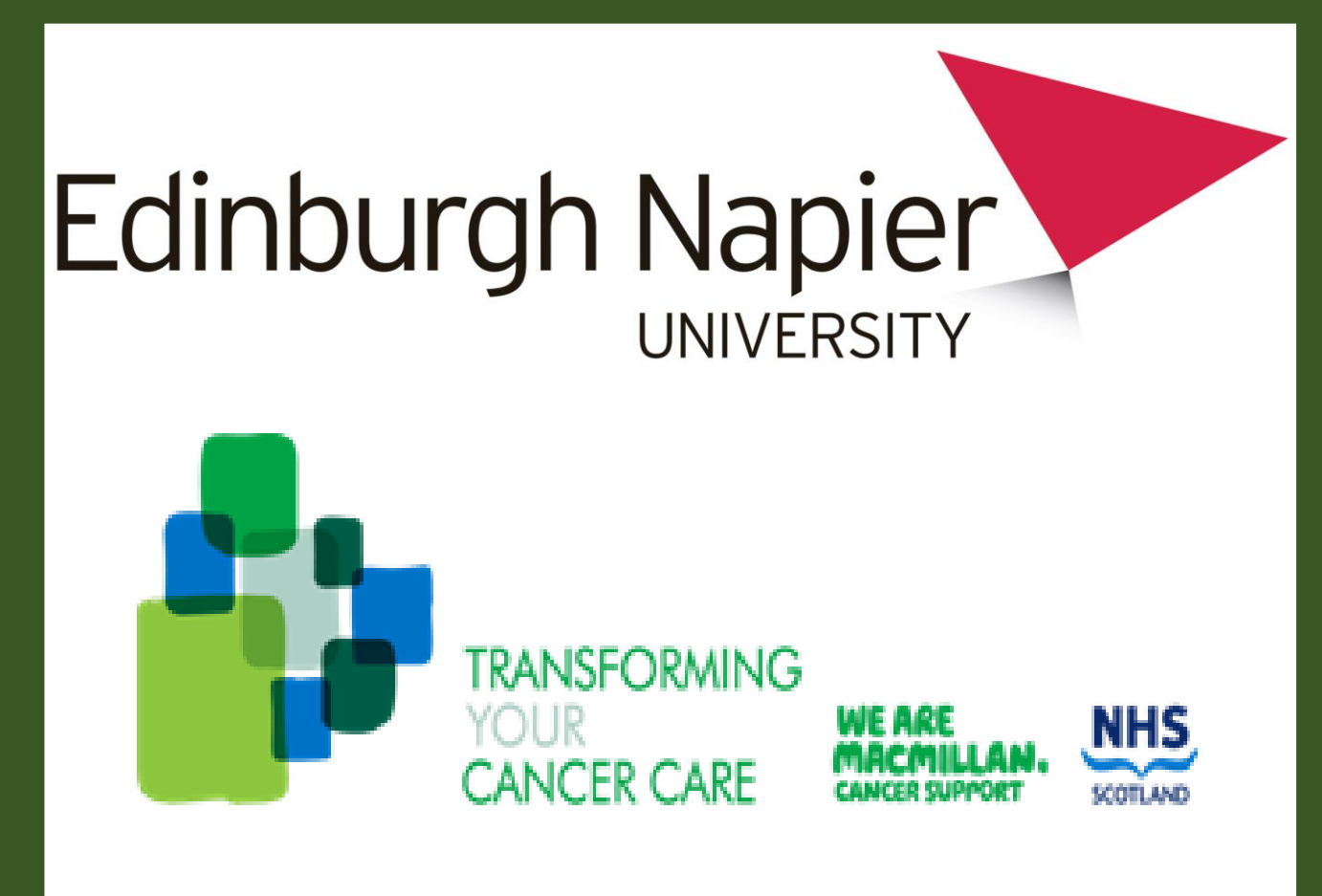


# How can national evaluators enhance evidence from local transformational change to influence policy and decision making?

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A multi-disciplinary team at Edinburgh Napier University are evaluating the Macmillan Cancer Support funded Transforming Care after Treatment programme in Scotland (TCAT) which established 25 local projects, each with different local approaches to improving the care of people living with and beyond cancer. A substantial component of the programme evaluation is to support individual project evaluation activity. By contributing to a programme of education and support we are increasing the capacity of local cancer nurses and professionals to conduct robust service evaluations, ensuring consistent and comparable data collection across the programme and maximising impact of evidence on policy and decisions.

## National evaluator role

Face to face meetings with projects and attendance at local steering group meetings



Provision of local reporting guidance and report template

Specification of minimum required data for all local evaluations



Facilitation of 4 evaluation practice workshops



*All members of the team were responsive, optimistic, and modelled appreciative inquiry. It was really valuable to have them carrying out detailed data analysis and allowed us to think about what the data was telling us. It is beneficial that our project will add to the National evaluation to share learning.*

*-Project Lead, Local Project*

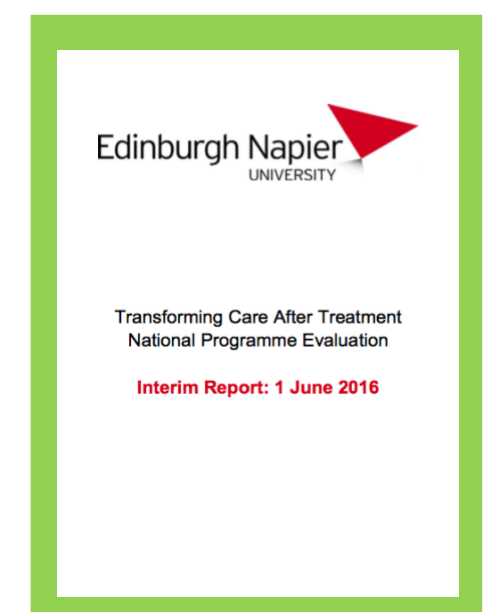


Researchers at Edinburgh Napier University are ensuring and enhancing local evidence

Health Economic analysis evaluation work with 9 local projects



National baseline and interim report presented



*I have always found the world of research rather baffling, so the prospect of evaluation was quite daunting. It was invaluable when Lucy joined our TCAT steering group, and her positive focus and expert guidance kept us working towards our goals and appreciating our achievements along the way.*

*-GP, Local Project*

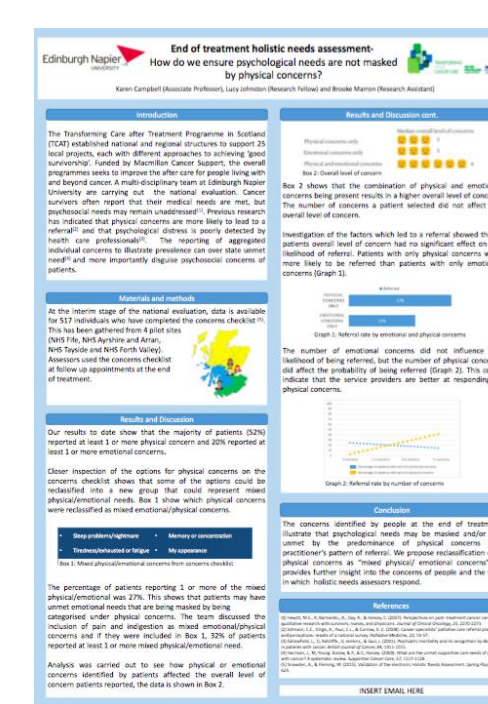
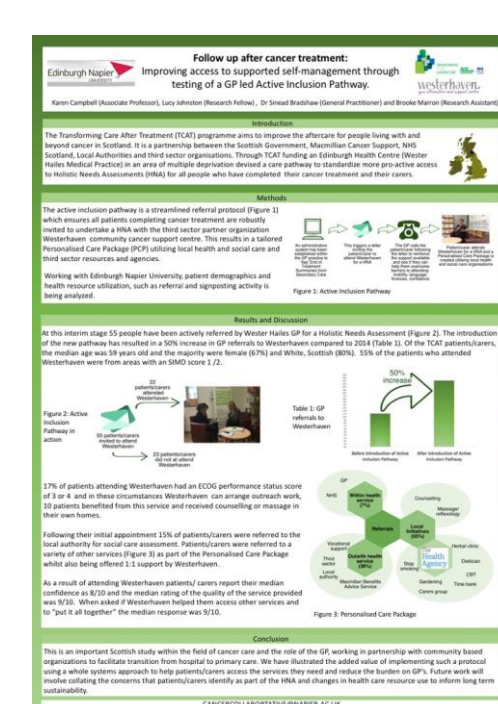
Provision of patient/service user feedback survey tools and analysis of returns



*Assistance and support from the Napier Evaluation team had been invaluable for the project. Their practical help has been particularly appreciated, eg with data management and analysis. On a number of occasions they have also offered an objective view of the project that we wouldn't have had otherwise had, in a "critical friend capacity".*

*Thank you team!*

*-Palliative Consultant, Local Project*



Collaboration to disseminate findings and learning

Establishment of a support/advice mechanism with named point of contact within the evaluation team for each local project



## Summary

By working to ensure and enhance local evidence of change and improvement, we are co-producing valuable data to inform evidence based practice, developing research awareness and skills among cancer nurses and creating and disseminating a wide knowledge base that is influencing practice. The production and dissemination of high quality practice and service evaluations is key to influencing policy and political decision making.

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