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Northwood receives funding for smart technology research through AGE-WELL

HALIFAX, N.S. / May 30, 2019 – Northwood, in collaboration with national and international partners, has been awarded funding through AGE-WELL, Canada’s Technology and Aging Network, to advance research on technology solutions in continuing care. The research team is led by Dr. Susan Kirkland, long-term member of the Northwood Board of Governors and Professor and Head of the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, at Dalhousie University and Central Zone NSHA. The team will explore the feasibility, usability, sustainability and scalability of SMART tech solutions to support increased quality of life for residents and clients in Continuing Care. The team has been allocated a Catalyst Award of \$30,000 for one year of seed funding. Projects that demonstrate sufficient progress during the Catalyst phase will be selected for three-year funding of up to \$600,000, commencing April 1, 2020 as part of AGE-WELL’s Core Research Program, contingent on AGE-WELL’s renewal.

“Over the next year, our team will set the stage for future success: we will continue to build partnerships and team capacity; develop knowledge mobilization and commercialization plans; strengthen relationships with stakeholders; develop collaborations with other AGE-WELL projects; and recruit the full research team,” says Dr. Kirkland. “The team will be ready to hit the ground running in April 2020.”

“The research team will be embedded in the Northwood community enabling rich daily connections with residents, staff and families,” says Margaret Szabo, Northwood’s Director of Business Development and Project Co-lead. “Northwood is so excited to act as a Living Innovation Lab, driving action-orientated research that can directly help older adults to LIVE MORE in a community of belonging, dignity and choice.”

Northwood also acknowledges its partners Novalte, Think Research, and Age Care Technologies whose contributions have and will continue to help bring this research project to life.

About Northwood

Since 1962, we have led the way as Nova Scotia's most dynamic continuing care organization committed to innovation and change. We are the largest not-for-profit continuing care organization in Atlantic Canada and are recognized both here at home and across Canada as an extraordinary example of the power of social justice, but we like to call it the power of love! When life changes, and society changes, Northwood leads the way, incorporating revolutionary designed, responsive care. From new ideas to new technologies, we are empowered to do this, because our focus is on people, not on profit margins.

About AGE-WELL

AGE-WELL NCE Inc. (<https://www.agewell-nce.ca/>, @AGEWELL_NCE) is a pan-Canadian network that brings together researchers, older adults, caregivers, partner organizations and future leaders to accelerate the delivery of technology-based solutions that make a meaningful difference in the lives of Canadians. AGE-WELL researchers are producing technologies, services, policies and practices that improve quality of life for older adults and caregivers, and generate social and economic benefits for Canada. Funded through the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence program, AGE-WELL awaits a three-year-term renewal, to be determined by Fall 2019.

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