RCT - Randomised Coffee Trial

a national wellbeing initiative -coordinated from NHS Fife!

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Problem: Palliative medicine trainees are spread out across Scotland and face unique work pressures. Since the pandemic, trainees have unable to access face-to-face peer support at training days— Some are the only trainee on their site, others have never met another palliative medicine trainee!

Challenge: We need a non-hierarchical, democratic, serendipititous intervention that affords little intrusion to day-job!

Solution: The Randomised Coffee Trial adapted by a Fife trainee from a successful scheme in Scottish Government

Results: Over 40 coffees so far!

I have really enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with people and get to know people better from the wider trainee body

So good, made me smile… Aim: Get to know each other better & improve well-being

Population: Scottish Palliative Medicine Trainees (in and out-of-programme)

Method: Participating trainees randomly matched with another trainee each month. Trainee schedules one 20-30 minute virtual coffee break with their coffee partner during that month... via Telephone, Zoom, Teams, Facetime...

Why not try this out in your own team?!