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Elsewhere in this issue, we feature two examples of good practice driven by innovation in services. Anne Embury describes the work of a liaison service for those bereaved by suicide. The service works in partnership with the local IAPT team so, if post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is identified, the liaison service can pass referrals to the IAPT therapists. Anne also details the service's ground-breaking bereavement by suicide groups. Unable to source details in the UK about any groups run on the same lines, Anne applied for, and was awarded, a fellowship by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust which allowed her to travel to Australia and New Zealand to look at the delivery of evidence-based suicide bereavement groupwork.

In our second best practice feature, Sally Flatteau Taylor outlines the work of The Maypole Project which offers emotional support to families living with a child diagnosed with an illness or disability. The project is person centred – offering immediately available, flexible and continually accessible services. In Sally's words, it is 'a model based on a flexible provision of support – that is, support when families want it, for as long as they want it'.

If your service can offer readers inspiration through good practice, I'd love to hear from you with a view to writing an article for us. Please get in touch with me at the email address below.



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