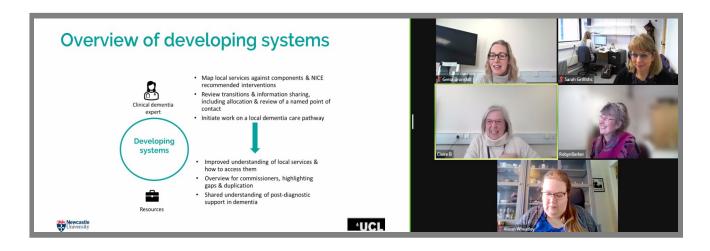
## **Dementia Care Community**

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A newsletter brought to you by the PriDem team

## **PriDem update**

- In January we invited people with dementia and carers in the DCC to help us develop a poster to display in GP practices where the PriDem intervention will be tested out in practice. The poster is to inform patients with dementia registered with each GP practice in the study that the research team will be reviewing and collecting data from their notes. The poster explains how anyone who does not wish their notes to be reviewed can opt out of this part of the study and was a condition of our approval from the Confidentiality Advisory Group. We had a brilliant response, with lots of thoughtful feedback and suggestions about how we could make the poster better for people with dementia and their carers. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making a much clearer and more accessible poster.
- We are very pleased to share that the Clinical Dementia Leads who will be putting
  the new PriDem intervention into practice in our London and Newcastle sites
  have been appointed! Robyn Barker, who will be based in London, joined us
  earlier this month and her introductory training to her new role is going well. We
  hope the Newcastle based Clinical Dementia Lead will join us very soon.



Remco Tuijt recently completed his PhD project which focused on healthcare
experiences for people with dementia, their carers and their healthcare
professionals. Back in 2019, Remco talked to some of the DCC who helped to
shape the direction of his research. We hope to invite Remco back to tell us
about the outcomes of his project in the Spring. Congratulations Remco!

## **Spotlight on SPLENDID**

In February 2021, some members of the DCC helped researchers who were applying for funding for a new project called SPLENDID, looking at 'social prescribing' for people with dementia and their families. Social prescribing means identifying activities to enable people to link with others and do something they might enjoy. This could be an activity like a walking group or a visit to a museum, or putting them in touch with other people to help them feel better.

The project is led by Professor Chris Fox from the University of East Anglia, and Louise and Alison from the PriDem team will also be involved. We are really grateful for the help the DCC gave to develop a 'plain English' summary of the project that was part of the application.

We are pleased to let you know that the funding application was successful and the SPLENDID project will begin later this year. Researchers will talk with people with dementia, family carers and staff working in social prescribing to understand what people want, what works well and what could be improved. This information will be used to design a best practice approach to social prescribing with people with dementia. We will test this with a small group and then decide if it should be taken forward and tested in a larger study to see if it improves peoples' well-being and is value for money.

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