

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.

The image shows a presentation slide on the left and a video call grid on the right. The slide is titled "Overview of developing systems" and features a central diagram. The diagram consists of a circle labeled "Developing systems" with a downward arrow pointing to a list of bullet points. To the left of the circle is an icon of a person labeled "Clinical dementia expert" and a briefcase icon labeled "Resources". The bullet points are:

- Map local services against components & NICE recommended interventions
- Review transitions & information sharing, including allocation & review of a named point of contact
- Initiate work on a local dementia care pathway
- Improved understanding of local services & how to access them
- Overview for commissioners, highlighting gaps & duplication
- Shared understanding of post-diagnostic support in dementia

The video call grid on the right shows five participants in a 2x3 layout (with the bottom-right cell empty). The participants are labeled as follows:

- Top-left: Greta Brunsell
- Top-right: Sarah Griffiths
- Middle-left: Clare B
- Middle-right: Robyn Barker
- Bottom-left: Alison Wheatley

The slide also includes the Newcastle University logo in the bottom left and the UCL logo in the bottom right.

- 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.

Please get in touch if you would like any further information

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