

Dementia Care Community

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A newsletter brought to you by the PriDem team

PriDem update

Introducing our new Clinical Dementia Leads!

We are very pleased to introduce you to Robyn Barker and Rachel Watson, Clinical Dementia Leads for the project. Both Robyn and Rachel have completed training in the PriDem intervention with the research team, and are now busy starting their work with GP practices. We look forward to learning about how the PriDem intervention works in practice through their new roles.



Robyn Barker,
Clinical Dementia
Lead, Barnet



Rachel Watson,
Clinical Dementia
Lead, Newcastle

Research team news

As we welcome Robyn and Rachel, we also need to share that Greta Brunskill and Alison Wheatley from the Newcastle research team are moving on to new roles at the end of June. Greta is taking up a new role focused on developing partnerships between research organisations and the third sector to support public involvement in research, and Alison will be joining the research team at NHS Digital.

Congratulations Ester!

Ester Bellavia, PhD student, has recently submitted her thesis which focuses on how best to involve people in dementia research. She will now take a well deserved break before preparing for her viva exam in July - we wish her the very best of luck!

PriDem: From Newcastle...for the world



In March our project lead, Louise Robinson, was invited to speak at the World Dementia Council, a collaboration between global dementia leaders, policymakers and advocates who work together to improve the prospects for people living with dementia.

Louise presented an overview of PriDem and was also part of a discussion on current priorities for dementia where she emphasised the need for equality in post-diagnostic support for families across the UK, and the world.

Louise has also recently submitted examples of how the new PriDem intervention could improve support in practice to be included in two international reports; Alzheimer's Disease International From Plan to Impact 2022 and the World Alzheimer's Report 2022.

Update from COGNISANCE



In December we shared information about a new toolkit from a project linked to PriDem called COGNISANCE which aims to improve support in the first year following a dementia diagnosis <https://www.forwardwithdementia.org/en/>

Marie Poole from the COGNISANCE team is keen to talk to anyone who has used the toolkit who would be happy to share their experiences to help improve and develop it. She is interested in talking to professionals, people with dementia and carers who have used the toolkit. **If you would be interested in talking to Marie, please contact her directly by email Marie.Poole@newcastle.ac.uk or telephone 0191 208 7215.**

Next event

We will be holding a whole DCC update and celebration event on **Tuesday 7th June 10.00 - 12.00 at the Campus for Ageing & Vitality**. It would be great to see you all! **If you would like to come, please can you contact Angela Mattison by email angela.mattison@newcastle.ac.uk or telephone 0191 208 5625 to let us know and we will be in touch with more details.**

Please get in touch if you would like any further information

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