

# Dementia Care Community

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## PriDem update



We have had a productive Autumn with the DCC. Due to the pandemic we have had to change our approach; rather than large group meetings, we have organised small meetings with around 4-6 DCC members over Zoom. Thank you to everyone who has participated in these small group meetings thus far. We will continue to organise small meetings and will aim to invite everyone in the DCC to at least one meeting.

In September we invited members to discuss key components of post-diagnostic support. In October we had members join us to discuss 'patient held records'. The patient held record allows for the person living with dementia, their carer and professionals to record details of individuals involved and to summarise key actions and concerns. Patient held records are often used in palliative care and pregnancy but not in dementia.

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## PhD Student Spotlight: Remco Tuijt

HEARD: exploring health care experiences and attitudes regarding people with dementia, their carers and their health care professionals.



Remco Tuijt is one of the PhD students that is part of the PriDem team, based at University College London. His research is looking into the current experiences of healthcare for people with dementia, both during and before the COVID-19 pandemic. He was initially planning to interview people face to face, but is now speaking to people with dementia and their carers over the phone.

He has been able to recruit participants during the pandemic and is now busy analysing the first interviews. He will be speaking to each participant three times, each three months apart. With the changing restrictions and as we manage to adapt to the global pandemic, it will be useful to hear what strategies people have used to stay well and manage their healthcare.

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## Next Event



Please save the date! We are planning a large meeting for all DCC members on **Friday November 13th, 1-2:30 pm**. This will be a chance to update you on our recent work and to share our ideas for the PriDem intervention.

**Please stay tuned!** We will also be planning a social get-together (over Zoom) prior to Christmas. We will be sharing an invite for this in the coming month.

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