

A newsletter brought to you by the PriDem team

PriDem update



•As the phrase 'PriDem intervention' does not really convey what our work is about, we decided it would be useful to develop a logo and strapline to use on posters and information sheets about the study. Emily Spencer, a new researcher in the team, developed some initial logo ideas, and we discussed these with a small group of the DCC in June. Interestingly, there was a strong agreement about the key parts of the PriDem intervention that the logo should represent. These included the ongoing, tailored support that the intervention aims to provide to people living with dementia and their families. Here is the finished product, we hope you like it!

- Greta has been drafting a paper about the DCC to submit to a journal. We feel the DCC is an example of how public involvement in research can work well, and hope that our experiences will encourage other research teams to involve people with a mix of perspectives in their projects. We have invited two members of the DCC to co-author the paper, and hope to submit this soon.
- We are keen to make a return to holding some DCC meetings in person when we can. We will continue using Zoom and contact by telephone, email and post for now, but will review this as the guidance continues to evolve.

Spotlight on Ester Bellavia, PhD student



Since we last heard from Ester in December 2020, she has been continuing her work focused on how best to involve people with dementia and family carers in the research process. Here she gives us an update:

"I began my study by developing ideas about successful ways to involve people in research through observing DCC meetings and speaking to some DCC members and others with similar involvement experiences. More recently, I explored these ideas further by interviewing people with dementia, family carers and those who facilitate their involvement in research. I have now begun writing my thesis, and I will update you all with my findings in the coming months. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to my study and supported me throughout the research. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch. Until we meet again, stay safe and take care!"

Next steps



Topics we would like to discuss with the DCC in the next couple of months:

- How can we capture the impact of the DCC
- Developing a user-friendly website for PriDem

We will be in touch to invite small groups to take part in these discussions. If any of the topics are of particular interest to you, please get in touch with Greta using the details below.

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