

A newsletter brought to you by the PriDem team

PriDem update

- In August a small group of the DCC helped us to pilot the questionnaires we plan to use in our study of the PriDem intervention. This highlighted some important issues, including just how long the measures for carers took to complete! Feedback from the group on their experience has been used to refine the measures we will use in the study, and consider different ways they can be completed to minimise the potential burden on people who take part in our study. A big thank you to all who took part in this!
- Our intervention study has recently been reviewed by an NHS Research Ethics Committee. Following some minor revisions, we were given ethical approval for our study which is an important step towards beginning this next stage of our work. We are currently in discussion with Primary Care Networks and GP Practices about involvement in the study.
- We submitted a paper about the DCC to a journal but unfortunately it was not accepted. We plan to submit the paper to a different journal this month - fingers crossed for a better outcome!
- We would like to make a return to holding some DCC meetings in person, and hope to hold an update event at the University in November. Greta will be in touch with more information very soon!

Spotlight on Annie



Hi my name is Annie Osborne and I'm a Dementia Support Worker with the Alzheimer's Society. Over the last 18 months we have had to adapt our services to continue supporting people living with dementia and their carers. With our groups and home visits on hold, we have focused on providing telephone support and welfare calls and offering volunteers in a companion role. We are beginning to offer home visits again but continuing with companion calls until our groups resume. The Alzheimer's Society provide a large range of information about dementia which can be found at www.alzheimers.org.uk To find out about further support you can also contact our local office on 0191 2983989, or the Dementia Connect helpline on 0333 1503456.

Next steps



Topics we would like to discuss with the DCC in October - November:

- developing a script for initial contact with potential participants in our study
- mapping dementia services and support in the North East.

We will be in touch to invite you to get involved!

We would also like to establish a small working group to develop accessible summaries of our research and published papers. If you are interested in being part of this group, please get in touch with Greta using the details below.

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