

# PRIDEM DEMENTIA CARE COMMUNITY (DCC)



## NEWSLETTER

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### The story so far

The support available to people and their families after being diagnosed with dementia is highly variable across the UK, and limited in lots of areas. It has been suggested that primary care (usually your GP or GP practice) should be more involved in this support.

The PriDem research programme is learning from people living with dementia, their carers and professionals to develop a new approach to post diagnostic support. So far, a journal article reviewing post diagnostic support has been drafted, including evidence from the Netherlands, Germany and Canada. We have also spoken to 57 service managers and commissioners of dementia services to gather their views, and are beginning to analyse what they told us.

We have also identified a small number of services to explore in more detail, where we will speak to people with dementia, their carers and staff about their views. We will also observe the services to see how they work in practice. We will begin visiting these services to collect this information in August 2019.

### DCC activity, July & August 2019

Thank you to all those who were able to meet with us recently, we have enjoyed some very helpful conversations with you all. In July and August have been able to meet with a total of 27 members through a meeting held at the University, one to one meetings and visits to groups. Thank you to everyone involved for their continued involvement and contributions to the programme!



## Spreading the news

In May Rachael Frost, one of the PriDem researchers, presented the main findings from our review about the effectiveness of primary care post diagnostic dementia care at a conference in Gothenberg in Sweden (the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics European Region Congress).



In October, Alison Wheatley, another researcher in the team, will be presenting at the Alzheimer Europe conference in the Netherlands. She will be talking about what we have found out about existing post diagnostic services for people with dementia in the UK, including some of the current challenges in providing this support.



## Other news

The free online course ‘Dementia Care: Living well as dementia progresses’ is available again from 5th August for 6 weeks, and ‘Dementia Care: Staying connected and living well’ will run again from 9th September 2019. More information about these courses can be found online at <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/dementia>

## Next steps

- Exploring post diagnostic support in more detail at 6 services
- Beginning workstream 3—developing new approaches to post diagnostic support
- A celebration event in Autumn 2019 to mark 1 year of the DCC!

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