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**Background to the initiative** In April 2017 we announced the 3 GP clusters (details below) chosen to be innovation sites to test the delivery of dementia post-diagnostic support (PDS) from GP practices. For more information on the background to this project please click [here](#).

**Progress to date** Focus on Dementia are supporting the sites to use quality improvement tools to capture the learning and value of delivering PDS from Primary Care. NHS Education (NES) are supporting the sites' educational needs. In February 2018 eleven people including all test site project managers attended a Promoting Excellence Workshop to focus on supporting people through a diagnosis of Dementia. Overall the feedback was very positive, and the content was well received. The NES dementia team agreed to have follow up discussions with the Project Lead for each site to establish the additional 'training for trainers' support required. In addition, NES dementia team have prepared a Training Needs Analysis at enhanced level of Promoting Excellence in relation to supporting people through a diagnosis of dementia. On Monday 19 March over 50 delegates joined the WebEx: The Golden Ticket; A primary care dementia model hosted by the Focus on Dementia team. Dr Emma Costello and Kim Grosvenor, of High Weald, Lewes Havens, Clinical Commissioning Group in East Sussex, delivered a presentation about their award winning initiative to support people with dementia which originated from a GP led pilot in Buxted Medical Practice. Each site is taking a different approach to delivering PDS in their setting and all are keen to make GP practices dementia-friendly. See below for some aspects of what is happening. Please click on the links below to view the dementia statistics for each area.

**[East Edinburgh](#)** have employed a Dementia Service Facilitator to support people who are worried about their memory. They are currently testing PDS group work sessions for people and their carers from the GP surgeries and are also keen to make their GP practices dementia-friendly.

**[Nithsdale \(Dumfries and Galloway\)](#)** are changing their system to make sure GPs have direct access to PDS services for their patients and are supporting GPs to diagnose dementia rather than referring all cases onto Community Mental Health. They are focusing on Gillbrae Practice initially before rolling out to other practices. An OT assistant is now based in Gillbrae to support PDS delivery.

**[Shetland](#)** have seconded an Occupational Therapist into Scalloway Health Centre to: coordinate delivery of PDS from primary care; raise awareness of PDS with staff and public; improve access, uptake and quality of PDS generally & incorporate home-based memory rehab as part of the PDS offer.