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Focus on Dementia

We work in partnership to improve the quality of care and support for people living with dementia, carers and staff.

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90,000 people are living with dementia in Scotland. Around 3,200 of these people are under the age of 65¹.

Focus on Dementia is a national improvement portfolio, based within Healthcare Improvement Scotland's Improvement Hub (ihub). We work in partnership with national organisations, health and social care partnerships, people with dementia and carers. Our aim is to improve the experience and quality of care and support for people living with dementia, carers and staff.

Taking a whole pathway approach, our work supports improvements in:



diagnosis and post-diagnostic support



care co-ordination in the community



hospital settings, including acute, community hospitals and specialist dementia units



palliative and end of life care

All of this work is supporting the implementation of Scotland's dementia strategies and informing future policy and practice.

¹ Alzheimer Scotland. Number of people with dementia in Scotland 2017. 2017 [cited 2019 May 02]; Available from: <https://www.alzscot.org/campaigning/statistics>

Our work includes:

Supporting improvements in the community

- The Quality Improvement Framework for Dementia Post-Diagnostic Support is a self-assessment tool for services. It sets out the necessary criteria for high quality post-diagnostic support for people living with dementia and the policies, principles, rights and standards that should underpin service provision.
- We worked with Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership to understand success factors in supporting care co-ordination for people with dementia and carers in the community. The learning from this work will inform future work to improve dementia care from diagnosis through to end of life care.

Supporting improvements in hospital care

We work with Specialist Dementia Units in Scotland to understand the priorities for improvement based on the experiences of people with dementia, carers and staff. This work is informing changes in practice in the prevention and management of stress and distress across hospital settings.

Our networks

Focus on Dementia, working with partner organisations, has developed networks for practitioners supporting post-diagnostic support and working in Specialist Dementia Units. Our aim is to build communities of staff who can share best practice and learning through face-to-face and online networking across Scotland. To join, contact hcis.focusondementia@nhs.net.

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