Dementia Community of Practice Webinar

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Welcome to the Dementia Community of Practice Webinar

Thank you for logging on early.

As you can see, we are still setting up. We can't hear you and you can't hear us. Please introduce yourselves in the chat box. Thank you.

(We are not recording this session today but please note we will save the chat box text)
Welcome and Introductions

Anita Hayes, Head of Learning and Workforce, Hospice UK
Cathriona (Cat) Sullivan, Senior Clinical Practice and QI Lead at Hospice UK
Karen Harrison-Dening, Head of Research & Publications, Dementia UK
Liz Bryan, Education Consultant, St Christopher’s
Stuart Duncan, Clinical Team Administrator, Hospice UK
Aim of Today’s Meeting: To equip and sustain good practice when caring for people with dementia and their carers in the context of COVID-19

During the meeting members of the CoP will:

• share concerns and current issues
• offer experiences and suggestions
• signpost one another to resources
Structure of Today’s Meeting

Welcome, Introductions, Overview and Ground Rules (10 minutes)

Part One: Common care issues and Covid-19

• Setting the Scene Presentation: Catriona (5 mins)
• Breakout Rooms for small group discussion (20 mins)
• Back to large group to share key points: Liz and Karen (20 mins)

Part Two: Working differently

• Setting the Scene Presentation: Karen (5 mins)
• Breakout Rooms for small group discussion (20 mins)
• Back to large group to share key points: Liz and Karen (20 mins)

Summary of Main Conclusions and Signposting to Resources - Anita
How Breakout Rooms Work

• For small group discussion we will divide into breakout rooms
• When the time comes you will see on your screen an invitation to join. Please accept
• Each room will contain at least one Admiral Nurse
• When you get into your room, please take a few moments to introduce yourselves to one another
• Nominate a scribe and spokesperson who will report back to the large group
• If anything goes wrong and you find yourself on your own or unable to join your allocated room come back to the main room. If you lose connection at any point, re-join the meeting using the same Meeting ID and Password.
• We will not be recording today. However, someone will be taking notes of the main points
Scene Setting for discussion 1

Cat Sullivan, Senior Clinical and Quality Improvement Lead, Hospice UK
In The News: A review of recent referenced to Dementia in the press

Cat Sullivan. RN
QI and Clinical Practice Lead at Hospice UK
Dementia care during COVID-19

Older adults are vulnerable at the onset of natural disasters and crisis, and this has been especially true during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.1 With the aggressive spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the death toll has risen worldwide. According to an interactive online tool that estimates the potential number of deaths from COVID-19 in a population, by age group, in individual countries and regional groupings worldwide under a range of scenarios, most of those who have died were older adults, most of whom had underlying health problems.2

Globally, more than 50 million people have dementia, and one new case occurs every 3 s.3 Dementia has emerged as a pandemic in an ageing society.4 The double hit of dementia and COVID-19 pandemics has raised great concerns for people living with dementia.

https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30755-8/fulltext

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Alzheimer's Society responds to Office for National Statistics mortality figures of people with dementia from Covid-19

Alzheimer's Society

While we welcome the government’s response this week to supporting care homes through this crisis, we need to see faster and more efficient methods of recording deaths in these settings to provide more accurate, daily mortality figures.

Sally Copley, Director of Policy, Campaigns and Partnerships at Alzheimer’s Society said:

“The latest alarming figures from the Office for National Statistics show that at least one in seven coronavirus deaths in March alone, were of people living with dementia. Every one of these is a real tragedy with hundreds of families grieving the loss of a loved one.

“With dementia being the second highest underlying health condition for coronavirus deaths in England and Wales, and with ongoing uncertainty about the number of coronavirus deaths in care homes, we suspect that the true death toll of people with dementia dying from Covid-19 is much greater than the figures currently available to the ONS.

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New resource for ‘overwhelmed’ families living with dementia during lockdown

27 APRIL, 2020 | BY GEMMA MITCHELL

A new guide to help people living with dementia and their carers stay well during the coronavirus pandemic has been produced in recognition that this group is “disproportionately affected” by lockdown measures.

The leaflet is based on "latest robust research" and is the first output of a new programme aiming to support people affected by dementia through the global emergency.

“"They can feel overwhelmed by the volume of generic advice and guidance.

Part-funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the project is being led by the University of Exeter and the NIHR Older People and Frailty Policy Research Unit, with partners


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Out of sight, out of mind
For people with dementia, the coronavirus pandemic is a nightmare

And it may do long-term damage to efforts to improve their lot


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Care home sees 13 patients recover from Covid-19 thanks to nurses' 'swine flu' experience

With concerns over Covid-19 in care homes high and Government experts warning the number of deaths is expected to be 'substantial' one facility has seen 13 patients recover from the deadly bug.

On Wednesday the UK's coronavirus national testing co-ordinator Professor


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Devoted son films heartbreaking video of him caring for his elderly mother who suffers from dementia as a way of coping with living in isolation

- A filmmaker has shared a moving video showing challenges of dementia carers
- He looks after his 87-year-old mother and said lockdown has made the job harder
- But with a lot of ‘love and patience’ he is making the best of the difficult situation
- Here’s how to help people impacted by Covid-19

By LEVI PARSONS FOR DAILY MAIL AUSTRALIA
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A filmmaker has shared a moving video of the challenges facing dementia carers during the coronavirus crisis.

Jason van Genderen, 48, looks after his mother Hendrika, 87, at their Central Coast home.

He said he started documenting some of his everyday struggles as a way to ‘get through these tough times’.

Five ways to support people with dementia and carers in COVID-19 lockdown

by University of Exeter

Credit: CC0 Public Domain

New guidance has been developed as part of a major project to support people with dementia and family carers who are facing isolation and reduced services as a result of COVID-19.

ADI releases a position paper on COVID-19 and dementia

9 April 2020 – ADI shares some guidance on the difficult decisions people with dementia, their families and carers are having to make about hospital admission and triage during COVID-19.

“We are living through unprecedented times, but one thing is clear: ADI’s natural constituency, people affected by dementia and their families, are amongst the hardest hit. We have a global network and it has been natural for our members to collaborate through this crisis, show solidarity and work together. But we have also learnt that there are hard truths that we all need to face. This is the spirit in which we have reengineered ADI to be at the forefront in providing, guidance, evidence-based information and cohesion through these difficult times. Our aim is to help you understand the impact on our community as events unfold and take better and more informed decisions. Stay safe.” - Paola Barbarino, Chief Executive of ADI

Please note this paper is now available in Spanish (linked below).

COVID-19 and dementia: Difficult decisions about hospital admission and triage

COVID-19 is a new viral infection that presents an unprecedented problem for everyone, including people with dementia and their families and carers[1] worldwide. Although the scale and impact of COVID-19 varies from


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So how does this relate to practice..?

Please feel welcome to contact me at c.sullivan@hospiceuk.org
Group discussion 1

Common care issues and Covid-19

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Scene Setting for discussion 2

Karen Harrison-Dening, Head of Research and Publications, Dementia UK

Admiral Nursing – working differently in light of Covid-19
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Dr Karen Harrison Dening
Head of Research & Publications
4th May 2020

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Many Admiral Nurses are required to work differently

Models of Admiral Nursing

• Helpline
• Community models
• Primary Care
• Hospice
• Acute hospital
• Local authority
• Care homes
• Peripatetic clinics

Change to practice?

• No
• Yes – remote access to families
• Yes – remote access to families
• Yes – majority called into hospice wards
• Yes – majority called into generic wards
• Yes – remote access to families
• Yes – reduced access to care homes
• Yes – remote access to families
Limited face to face assessment- and therefore restrictions in risk assessment over the telephone

- Risk assessments may be unable to fully completed
- Potential increase in safeguarding or serious incidences
- Negative impact on nurses confidence

Limitations of services/resources which provide respite for carers/families

- Increased risk of carer strain and potential break down.
- Increased demand on social care provision with limited resources.
- Potential for increased crisis- social/mental health/physical health

Physical health needs being overlooked and potentially not fully assessed/managed

- Secondary physical health related issues post COVID-19
- Ineffective management of current physical health conditions
- Potential increase in physical health admissions
Rapidly developing knowledge and practice

• COVID-19 resource library
  • Curated by Professional & Practice Team
  • Sections specific to care settings, research, ethics, etc.
  • PPD member responsible for each section and titrates ‘key messages’ for ease of nurse access and time

• Weekly e-bulletin to all Admiral Nurses

• Delivering remote practice development and clinical supervision
  • Video conferencing platform to deliver CPD and peer clinical supervision

• Targeted webinars to develop remote working practices
  • Assessment and case management over the telephone
  • Assessment and case management using video calls

• Regional and local support to Admiral Nurse Services
  • Business Development Team – supporting services and host organisations
  • Professional & Practice Development Team – responding to individual and local teams learning needs
  • Consultant Admiral Nurses – supporting practice change in both individuals and in local services
Silver lining to this cloud?

- Sharing knowledge
- Some ‘remote’ practices may be here to stay
- Largely hosts have demonstrated the value they place on dementia care through not repurposing Admiral Nurses
- No service closure, more being commissioned
Thank you for listening
Any Questions?

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Group discussion 2

Working differently

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Resources and information for you
Resource

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STOP COVID-19 IN OUR HOME

(Screen share follows)
Resource

How to stay well during the coronavirus outbreak: five key messages for people with dementia

(Screen share follows)
Resources

PPE access social care providers & unpaid carers:

Unpaid carers providing personal care:

Good info for those working with vulnerable groups, those with dementia, learning disability, frailty, complex needs, young adults:
https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/safeguarding-adults?utm_campaign=11448614_SCIELine%2020April&utm_medium=email&utm_source=SOCIAL%20CARE%20INSTITUTE%20FOR%20EXCELLENCE%20andreutm_sfid=0036f0000003EnAF1AAN&utm_role=Other&dm_i=4O5,6TDT2,U0Y56,RAN1V.1
Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19): looking after people who lack mental capacity

Department of Health and Social Care. Coronavirus (COVID-19): looking after people who lack capacity:

The Nursing and Midwifery Council has an area on their website dedicated to information about COVID-19

COVID-19 Infection Prevention Control:
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