

This is an email from the Young Dementia Network sharing Network related news and information.



Welcome to the first Young Dementia Network eNewsletter

The Young Dementia Network launched on 27 September and this is our first newsletter. Since the launch over 300 people have joined us, but if you haven't signed up yet you can do so [here](#).

The Network will provide opportunities for members to share experience, knowledge and to learn from each other. Together, we'll encourage improved young onset services across the UK and influence and inform national and local policies.

Help us achieve better young onset dementia services

A priority for the Network is to encourage better young dementia services across the UK. We've begun by describing what these could look like. These recommendations are based on the experience and expertise of people affected by young onset dementia, and the people that support and work with them.

[Click here](#) to see the recommendations. We'd love to hear your views on them, so please [let us know](#) your feedback.

We plan to also create a dementia-friendly version so if you, or a group you're part of would like to be involved in creating this resource, please [email us](#).

A guide to help GPs recognise young onset

We know that GPs play a crucial role in supporting people with young onset dementia and their families. This is particularly important when a person is going through the process of being diagnosed.

That's why we're creating a guide specifically for GPs to raise awareness of young onset dementia and highlight the symptoms of the rarer forms of dementia that younger people are more likely to be diagnosed with.

A first draft of this guide will be available in the new year. Watch this space!



Network Member Profile Jill Walton, Rare Dementia Support

'Rare Dementia Support is really excited to part of the Young Dementia Network because we see it as an opportunity to address the under represented needs of people diagnosed with young onset dementia and their families, friends and carers.

'We value the platform that the network will provide for collaborative and thereby more effective approaches, advocacy and effect and look forward to working together with valued and respected partners.'

www.raredementiasupport.org

2. What issues are important to you?

- Finance and funding case
- Employment
- Housing
- Being or supporting a young carer
- Family relationships
- Diagnosis
- Other (please specify)

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What's important to you?

Thank you to everyone who has completed our online survey, for those that haven't [you can complete it here.](#)

So far...

85% of people said they want to help improve young onset dementia services

70% said they wanted to help improve understanding of young onset dementia

2017 activities and events

We're putting together our schedule of events and activities for 2017 and we'll publish this in the New Year. There will be a number of events around the country and online.

We also want to work with existing groups and networks. If you run, or are part of a group and would like to contribute towards

Family relationships and the **diagnosis process** were the most important issues for 80% of you.

the Young Dementia Network please [let us know](#).

View the Network video here

We'll be building on this video over time, including more and more clips from our members sharing their experiences and why they'd like to be part of a Network.



If you'd like to be featured then please [get in touch](#).



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