The Working Age Dementia Service

Dementia is seen as a disease affecting our older population but in fact dementia can affect anyone at any age. Throughout the UK it is estimated that there are over 40,000 people below the age of 65 with dementia.

The working age dementia service aims to provide access to timely assessment, diagnosis, intervention and support. The priority is to maintain individuals in the community and support them in maintaining autonomy, control and independence in all aspects of their lives for as long as possible.

Why?

A diagnosis of dementia is of major significance for anyone affected, regardless of age. For someone under the age of 65 the impact is likely to be greater for a number of reasons:

- Unexpectedness and difficulties in obtaining diagnosis
- Impact on work role, social life and activities of daily living
- Impact on other family members including dependent children
- Impact on finances and quality of life

Early access to assessment and diagnosis is vital to empower and support individuals to manage their care needs and plan for the future.
Who?

The service is available to individuals under 65 years of age who are presenting with a memory problem that impacts on their day to day life, or who have already received a diagnosis of dementia.

How?

The service can be accessed via an individual's GP. The service is available between 9-5 Monday to Friday. For emergencies outside of these hours, people should contact their local GP surgery or NHS direct.

Where?

Further information or advice can be obtained from:

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Stories...

If you are having a problem getting a referral into specialist services or a diagnosis please contact us.

Alternatively if you have a story about your journey with dementia and wish to share. Contact us at tracey.evans@nottshc.nhs.uk or use the details below.