Young onset dementia media round-up August 2016

In the UK news / press

BBC Radio 4 – Call You & Yours – radio phone-in highlighting the dementia postcode lottery and lack of support for people with young onset dementia

The Telegraph – Postcode lottery in care revealed as government publishes dementia ‘atlas’ of standards across England

The York Press – ‘I can’t prepare a meal or walk or talk normally, but the government has just cut my benefits,’ says Wendy Mitchell, diagnosed in her 50s with dementia

The Telegraph – ‘Surgical menopause’ linked to poor memory and young onset dementia

BBC News – App aims to help dementia patients’ memories

From Australia

Huffington Post – I was diagnosed with dementia at 49 and it was a gift – says Kate Swaffer

Snail farm in South Australia’s Mallee offering ‘hope’ to early onset dementia sufferers

Online

Dementia Adventure short film about a recent boating holiday to the Isle of Wight, featuring YoungDementia UK service member, Peter Hill

‘I’m still a positive person’ says Keith Oliver, diagnosed aged 54

Unforgettable.org – Dementia & Me – ‘I’m still living a pretty good life’ says Dianne, diagnosed aged 56

Unforgettable.org – Craig’s story - TV personality and builder Craig Phillips reveals his experiences of caring for his mum, who was diagnosed with dementia aged 59

Unforgettable.org – Kathryn’s story – ‘Cherish the love, treasure the fun and accept the rest’ Kathryn’s mum Bonnie was diagnosed aged 62

BBC News – Hundreds of volunteers to help spot early Alzheimer’s

Dr Angela Bithell on research into young onset dementia, a short film by Alzheimer’s Research UK Oxford

YoungDementia UK website - Why we should ban the term ‘challenging behaviour’ by Sue Hahn, General Manager & Head of Clinical Care at the Marbrook Centre, Cambridgeshire
Dementia UK – **Tom’s story** – the story of Tom’s dad’s young onset Lewy Body Dementia

Online petition calling for [free / concessionary travel for carers of all ages](#)

Disability Rights UK - [Guide to Personal Independence Payments](#)

**Trailer for Sarah’s story, a documentary** being released in 2017 about the life and advocacy of Susan Suchan, from Oklahoma, USA. Diagnosed with Alzheimer's before the age of 50, and later with frontotemporal dementia, Susan has become an outspoken advocate.

**New websites & apps**

[**Dementia Explained**](#) – website designed to explain dementia to children of all ages from young children to teenagers

**Research paper**

[**Internal Medical Journal – paper on young onset dementia**](#)