



Young onset dementia media round-up Nov 2016

In the UK news / press

BBC News – [‘Improving dementia’ costs woman benefits](#) – Wendy Mitchell speaks out about the disgraceful decision to stop her Personal Independence Payment benefits

The Guardian – [The long and difficult search for a drug to treat Alzheimer's and dementia](#) - features an interview with Hilary Doxford who aged 56, has lived with young onset Alzheimer's disease for 9 years.

ITV News – [Emmerdale to screen special episode from viewpoint of dementia sufferer Ashley Thomas](#)

BBC News – [‘Quicker diagnosis’ needed in Wales for dementia](#) – features Nigel who is living with young onset

Daily Mail – [Struck down by dementia at 37](#) – Sarah is from Victoria, Australia

BBC News – [Dementia now leading cause of death](#)

Online

Wendy Mitchell's blog – Which Me Am I Today? – [Young Dementia Network steering group](#)

BBC One NI – [Story of a Lifetime](#) – Liz Cunningham shares her story of being diagnosed with dementia at the age of 47

[YoungDementia UK's Oxfordshire News](#) – our quarterly newsletter for service members in the Oxfordshire area

Helen Rochford Brennan doing her bit to raise awareness of young onset dementia on Ireland's [The Late Late Show](#).

Female First – [What's it like to live with someone who has early onset Alzheimer's?](#) - Tony Watson talks about his wife Joy who is living with young onset.

[How I live with Alzheimer's in my 50s](#) - Kathy Ryan a single mum-of-two who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease at 52. Filmed addressing an Alzheimer's Society of Ireland 'Alz Talks' event in Dublin she explains what life is like for her living with dementia in her fifties.

[Alzheimer's Research Christmas advert](#)

Chris Ryan has set up a [petition](#) calling for people of working age who are living with dementia taken out of back to work assessments.

EurActive.com – [People with dementia: 'We can still contribute to this society'](#) - Helen and Hilary are both living with young onset dementia and are members of the European Working Group of People with Dementia. They are part of a campaign for a European dementia strategy as well as being heavily involved in dementia research and advocacy.

Unforgettable.org – [Dementia & Me: 'I'm keeping calm and carrying on'](#) – Dianne was diagnosed with dementia aged 56

YoungDementia UK – [Alex's story](#) - Alex was diagnosed with young onset Alzheimer's disease just before his 55th birthday. Since his diagnosis, Alex has been determined to seek out new challenges. These have included forming a band, recording an album, taking up drawing and giving talks about dementia.

YoungDementia UK – [Tracey's story](#) - Tracey is 46 years old and has been diagnosed with young onset Alzheimer's disease and PCA. She had to retire from her career as a nurse but says, 'I love my life now'.

YoungDementia UK – [Peter's sailing holiday story](#) – Peter went on a Dementia Adventure sailing holiday to the Isle of Wight.

From abroad

PEOPLE - ['Why is this happening to you mom?' A look back at Kimberley Williams-Paisley's emotional book about her mother's struggle with dementia](#) – 'Father of the Bride' actress Kimberley's mum was diagnosed at the age of 62 with PPA

The Age NSW – [Author Kate Swaffer on living beyond dementia diagnosis](#) – Kate was diagnosed aged 49

John Quinn from Australia recently made this [video](#) where he speaks about his diagnosis of young onset Alzheimer's disease of the familial type and how he chooses to live well with dementia.

The Washington Post – [Facing financial reality when early onset is diagnosed](#)

New websites & publications

[Dementia Friendly Worthing](#) – has launched a new website

[Making an Impact Together](#) is a new guide written by and with several groups which are members of the DEEP network. The aim of the guide is to help other people with dementia in influencing and activism groups.

Chris Graham who discovered aged just 34 he carried the familial Alzheimer's disease gene. His father died from the condition aged 42 and his 43 year old brother is sadly now living in a nursing home. Chris has written a book ['Five Minutes of Amazing: My Journey Through Dementia'](#) about his life.

Dementia Alliance International – [Supporting and Accommodating People with Dementia at Conferences and Other Events](#)

The British Psychological Society – [Psychological dimensions of dementia: Putting the person at the centre of care](#)

Research

Department of Health – [Dementia: care support & awareness survey](#)

The survey aims to find out first-hand from people with dementia, their families and carers if they are making a difference to people's day to day lives. It is for any person in England who has received a diagnosis of dementia in the last two years or any person in England who currently provides unpaid care or support to a family member, friend or neighbour who has been diagnosed with dementia in the last two years (Nov 2014-Nov 2016).

Dementia Adventure – [Dementia friendly holidays for under 65s survey](#)

Dementia Adventure would like to offer holidays which are tailored to the needs of younger people with dementia as well as older people. They are asking for people diagnosed or caring for a person aged under 65 to respond to help them to design new breaks.

Join Dementia Research – [Understanding cognition and action in Pick's disease](#)

[Join Dementia Research – Drug Free Table Tennis Alzheimer's Therapy](#)

Carers Trust is inviting young adult carers aged 16-24 years of age to complete a short survey as part of the run up to [Young Carers Awareness Day](#) in January 2017. They want to find out about the challenges of caring for a family member and demonstrate the need for greater support.