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Young Dementia Network - March Newsletter

Welcome to the Young Dementia Network Newsletter. The March issue shares the latest news about the Network and its activities.

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DAA Call to Action - better support for younger people and their families

The Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) is launching a new campaign to promote better support for 'seldom heard' groups. One of those groups is younger people and their families.

The DAA has over 5,200 members including hospitals, housing providers and charities and the campaign involves asking those members to sign up to a range of declarations to support seldom heard groups.

The Young Dementia Network is working with the DAA so that you can contribute directly to this campaign. To find out more visit [our website](#).

Interested in taking part in an online discussion?

Are you interested in taking part in an online discussion to learn and share information about young onset dementia? The Young Dementia Network is putting together a series of online events based on members' interests. The following are possible discussion topics.

- Young onset services across the UK
- Running young onset dementia groups
- The young onset dementia pathway
- Overview of research and what it means for you
- Hearing from young onset dementia activists.

Register your interest or suggest your own topics [here](#).

Featured service - Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Dementia services for younger people in Surrey and North East Hampshire

A new service has launched and is led by a small team of Occupational Therapists sitting within the Older People's Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT) across Surrey and North East Hampshire. The service was commissioned in the summer of 2016 following a pilot to support those under 65 with a diagnosis of dementia and better understand how their needs were being met. To read more about this service and how was it formed, [click here](#).

Welsh Dementia Strategy - have your say

A draft National Dementia Strategy for Wales has been published and if you're interested in responding to the consultation you can do so [here](#). The Young Dementia Network is pleased to see that the strategy calls for young onset dementia leads and 'age sensitive' care including support for family members and children.

Young Dementia Network Steering Group members DEEP have been closely involved in developing this strategy and ensuring the participation of people living with dementia, of all ages. To find out more or to get involved click [here](#).

Holidays for younger people

In December, we shared a survey by Dementia Adventure asking what types of holidays appeal to younger people living with dementia and their families.

The results are in and 80% of respondents said they'd be interested in taking a supported young onset dementia friendly holiday. There were lots of reasons why these holidays may differ because of age, including the likelihood of bringing children on holiday and wanting more flexibility and activities.

You can find out more about Dementia Adventure holidays during 2017 [here](#).

Help to develop a guide for GPs

The Young Dementia Network is creating a resource for GPs, designed to raise awareness of young onset dementia and highlight the wide range of symptoms which should suggest a referral to specialist diagnostic services is required. We will be trialling the guide from April, including testing it with GPs and Support Groups. We will be sending a special edition of the

newsletter asking for your feedback – and asking if you can take the guide to your own GP for comment too. Watch this space!



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