

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



Exciting news - the Network has over 1000 members!

Thank you for all of your hard work and effort to promote the Young Dementia Network over the past 12 months, because of your support the Network now has over 1000 members.

The last year has seen the Network featured in newsletters from lots of different charities and organisations, it has been included in speeches, publicised by young onset dementia services and was even included in a report delivered to the United Nations Convention on disability rights this summer.

I would ask you to please keep promoting the Network as the bigger the Network becomes, the more difference it can make. We have exciting plans to develop webinars and new ways to connect people in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Donna
National Development Manager

New young onset dementia research section on our website

Do you ever find research studies difficult to understand? Have problems knowing where to locate past studies? Then we hope the new research section on our website will be useful.

In this area, you will find a carefully chosen selection of past young onset research studies. These have been grouped into three sections

- children and young people
- employment and work
- post-diagnostic support.

Each research study has been chosen for inclusion by specialists in that field of research. Studies are listed by title and summary, to help you select the ones you want to download. These three research areas are just a start; we have plans to develop this part of our website and will be adding additional sections in the future.

In addition to the collection of research studies, members of the Young Dementia Network steering group have created a simple guide to research to help make it more accessible. It explains some of the jargon that can make studies a challenge to understand, as well as highlighting the types of research that you could be asked to take part in.

If you would like to feedback on what you feel should be included in this section and to visit the young onset dementia research pages please click [here](#).

Coming soon - an information leaflet for diagnostic clinics

Following our online survey that asked you what you would like from the Young Dementia Network - 76% of people replied saying they wanted us to create information to be given to people post-diagnosis.

So, we have developed a leaflet that will be distributed nationwide to memory clinics and diagnostic services and given to people following a diagnosis of young onset dementia. It features the details of four national charities who all offer specialist support and information and also provides a space to write your own local information down. The leaflet is available to view online [here](#). If you would like to request copies of the leaflet, please [email us](#).



To give your feedback on what you would like from the Young Dementia Network, you can take part in our survey [here](#).

Cardiff based young onset service nominated for award

Congratulations to Network members, the Cardiff and Vale young onset dementia service, who have been shortlisted in the Innovation in Mental Health category of the Health Service Journal Awards 2017.



Dr Simon O'Donovan, Team Leader for the Cardiff and Vale Young Onset Dementia Service said, 'It is fantastic to have this recognition for what is one of only a handful of specialist younger onset dementia multi-disciplinary teams in the UK, and probably the only service with a dedicated inpatient unit.'

'The 42,000 people living with dementia aged between 30 and 65 within the UK need access to specialised care, treatment and therapeutic opportunities, within age appropriate environments. In Cardiff and Vale we are fortunate enough to have a well developed network of community support which provides ongoing contact through the duration of the illness and regular clinical review to respond to changes in needs and circumstances.'

We wish Simon and his team the very best of luck for when the results are announced on 22 November 2017.

29 November 2017 - Young people living with dementia conference

From modifiable risk factors to delivering the diagnosis

Organised by Young Dementia Network steering group member Dr Janet Carter from the Division of Psychiatry, University College London in association with The Journal of Dementia Care.

This conference features talks from specialists covering a variety of subjects related to young onset dementia. For a full agenda and to book tickets, please click [here](#).



The Dementia 2020 Citizens' Engagement Panel for England

Have you, or has somebody close to you, been diagnosed with dementia in the last two years? If so, the Opinion Research Services (ORS) would really like your help.

Young Dementia Network steering group member Peter Watson advised the Network that, the ORS are inviting people with a dementia diagnosis or their family members, to share their experiences of living with the condition and help improve services for the future.

To do this, they ask that you join the Dementia Citizens' Engagement Panel.

If you would like to join the panel or require any further information please click [here](#).



And finally, don't let us lose contact with you!

On 25 May 2018, data protection laws will change. This will mean that unless our charity can show that you have chosen to receive our mailings, we will have to stop sending them to you.

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