

## Young onset dementia media round-up December 2017

### In the UK news / press

Newham Recorder – [Beckton woman, 48, with early-onset Alzheimer's on need for targeted support services](#) - brilliant interview with Victoria, 48, who is living with familial Alzheimer's disease about the lack of age appropriate services for younger people living with dementia in her area.

The Times – [Help of a stranger pulled man with dementia back from brink](#) - At the age of 58, Peter experienced memory issues but was told by a doctor he was 'too young' to have dementia. Months later, he was diagnosed with vascular dementia and his world fell apart. In this article, he explains how the help of a dementia adviser helped put his life back together again.

BBC News – [Turkey blunder a potential 'dementia sign'](#) – Fiona Phillips speaks about her family's experience of young onset dementia and the impact it had at Christmas.

BBC News – [Huntington's breakthrough may stop the disease](#) - The defect that causes the neurodegenerative disease Huntington's has been corrected in patients for the first time using an experimental drug, injected into spinal fluid.

Glasgow Evening Times - [Blue badge scheme extended to cover some carers and relatives](#) - in Scotland, the blue badge disabled parking scheme has been permanently extended to cover carers and relatives of people with conditions such as dementia, autism and Down's Syndrome.

### Online

Wendy Mitchell – [Last trip of 2017 to London](#) – features the Young Dementia Network steering group meeting held in December.

AlzAuthors – [Meet author and blogger, Wendy Mitchell](#) – Wendy was diagnosed with young onset Alzheimer's disease at the age of 58.

Living with young onset dementia blog – [Interview with Sarah Oakley](#) – Sarah's husband Andy is living with PCA. They receive support from YoungDementia UK.

Living with young onset dementia blog – [The comparison between late onset and young onset](#)

Alzheimer's Society – [Step into the light](#) – an excellent article about Mike and Tom, both 62, who describe how a form of dementia is affecting their lives and how being a gay couple impacts on how they access care and support.

Peter Berry was diagnosed with dementia aged 51 and creates a weekly video diary 26<sup>th</sup> weekly video diary – [the difficulties of short term memory & unfamiliar places](#)

25<sup>th</sup> weekly video diary – [coping with Christmas](#)

24<sup>th</sup> weekly video diary – [the guilt of having Alzheimer's](#)

23<sup>rd</sup> weekly video diary – [recent events fading away](#)

22<sup>nd</sup> weekly video diary – [dementia from the outside, how others don't see the real me](#)

Lewy Body Society & ITN Productions – [Improving understanding of Dementia with Lewy Bodies](#) - short film featuring Ken Clasper who was diagnosed with the condition in his mid-50s.

Dementia UK – [Tips for dementia care at Christmas](#) - five tips to help Christmas be relaxing and enjoyable for everyone.

## **From America**

WFAA - [Alzheimer's at 55: Family talks about living through the disease](#) - article about Mickey, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease at the age of 55.

## **Young onset research & newsletters**

A new Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) and Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD) [research study](#) is starting in Scotland with Dr Diane Swallow.

YoungDementia UK – [Oxfordshire News](#) – Oxfordshire based quarterly newsletter.

YoungDementia UK – [YoungDementia News](#) – December newsletter.