



## Young onset dementia media round-up March 2017

### In the UK news / press

The Belfast Telegraph – [How dementia turned my dad into a stranger](#) – Miss Ireland, Niamh Kennedy, talks about her dad who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's aged 42

BBC Radio 4 – [The Eddie Mair Interview](#) – features Diane who was diagnosed with dementia

Daily Mail – [GPs are failing to diagnose early onset dementia despite a major Government drive, research shows](#) – article isn't young onset specific but features interesting UCL research into diagnosis rates

The Tamworth Herald – [Tributes paid to Merevale House founder Anne Fretwell](#) – Anne founded Merevale House, a specialist young onset care home and sadly died of vascular dementia at Merevale aged 60

The Bookseller – [Bloomsbury seals 'first of its kind' dementia memoir](#) – Wendy Mitchell aged 61 is writing a book about her life, due out in January 2018

### Online

George Rook blog – [Swimming with crocodiles](#) – George who is living with young onset explains some of the 'workarounds' he uses to get by in daily life

Alzheimer's Society blog – [Alison challenges people's perceptions of dementia with her story](#)

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland – [Living with Posterior Cortical Atrophy: A carer's story](#) – Laura tells the story of her mum who was diagnosed with PCA aged 58

OK magazine - [Emmerdale: Executive producer Iain MacLeod reveals details about Ashley Thomas' deadly final episode and funeral](#) – the Emmerdale young onset storyline is coming to an end...

Unforgettable.org – [John's story: Friends didn't believe that dad had dementia](#) - John Ramsay was 13 when his 52 year old father David was diagnosed with dementia

### From abroad

The Telegram.com (USA) – [Early diagnosis beneficial to people with dementia](#) – article features Chuck who was 56 when he first experienced symptoms

ABC News (Australia) – [Younger Onset Dementia diagnosis provides 'relief' to retired lawyer](#) – Sue, 58, describes the relief she felt after 18 months of tests to know what was wrong

Stat.health (USA) – [A tragic disease robs people of their memory, but makes their visual world flourish](#) – article features Carol who is 68 and has been living with FTD since 2011

Men's Health (USA) – [These 5 men were diagnosed with Alzheimer's before age 60](#)

Dementia Today – [Never too young: Seeking an early test for Alzheimer's](#) – article features Max who aged 32 has had genetic tests which show an increased likelihood of developing dementia

Wag magazine – [When dementia affects the young](#) – article features Andy, who started to experience symptoms of FTD in his mid-30s

### **Publications, websites & courses**

Alzheimer's Society – [Young-onset dementia: Understanding your diagnosis](#) – new publication

Alzheimer's Research UK has launched a [Dementia Statistics Hub](#) to help inform people about the impact of dementia

[MindforYou](#), a holiday company offering supported holidays throughout the UK for people living with dementia and their relatives / carers, offering an alternative to traditional respite

Dementia Adventure is running a series of free seminars across the UK for family members from March – July 2017. Find out more [here](#).

### **Research opportunities**

Charlotte is a trainee clinical psychologist at the University of Leeds who is hoping to interview people living with young onset dementia to learn more about what it's like to receive a diagnosis of dementia at a younger age. [Find out more](#).

[The DESCANT study](#) wants to find out if the use, and training in the use, of simple memory aids like calendars, clocks, whiteboards with electric timers, and 'post-it' note dispensers can be effective for people with dementia and in supporting their carers.

A Masters student from the University of Worcester is looking to interview three people who care for partners or spouses with Posterior Cortical Atrophy (PCA) as part of her dissertation. She will look at the impact of the condition on the couple's daily lives and coping strategies they may have developed for managing the symptoms. [Find out more here](#).