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Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020

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2012-15 Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia



Prime Minister's challenge on dementia

Delivering major improvements in dementia care and research by 2015



Key achievements include:

- More people receiving a diagnosis of dementia than ever before – the diagnosis rate at the end of March 2015 was 61.6%
- 92 communities across England (towns, cities and villages) have signed up to be dementia friendly communities.
- Over 1 million people have become Dementia Friends.
- Over 500,000 NHS staff and over 100,000 social care staff have been trained in better supporting people with dementia.
- UK research spending on dementia has doubled.

Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020

- Published on 21 February 2015.
- Builds on the achievements of the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2012-15 and aims to identify what needs to be done to transform dementia care, support, awareness and research by 2020.
- Sets out how the Government wants to see society at large, including the NHS, social care and the voluntary and community sectors, responding to the challenge that dementia presents.
- Focus on risk reduction, health and care, research and dementia friendly communities.



Dementia education and training

By 2020, the Government would wish to see:

- All NHS staff having received training on dementia appropriate to their role. Newly appointed healthcare assistants and social care support workers, including those providing care and support to people with dementia and their carers, having undergone training as part of the national implementation of the Care Certificate. An expectation that social care providers provide appropriate training to all other relevant staff.
- All relevant social care staff working with adults and older people accessing social care services being supported to spot the early signs and symptoms of dementia and helping people with the condition to access high quality care and support.
- A clear evidence base for what works in training on dementia for health and social care staff, which can be used to develop smarter education and training programmes.
- All relevant staff to signpost interest individuals to research via 'Join Dementia Research'.

Next Steps

- Development of implementation plan for the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020.
- Work with the Dementia Expert Advisory Group, now led by Health Education England. Next meeting on 1 July 2015.
- Department of Health funding for dementia education and training projects for social care staff and family carers.
- Continued work with Health Education England on the implementation of their Mandate commitments on dementia.