

Dementia Priority Setting Partnership

Alzheimer's Society, through the James Lind Alliance, has brought together the voice of people with dementia and their carers with health and social care practitioners to identify some of the priorities for future dementia research.



Participants from the workshop said:

"I learnt a great deal from the people I met at the event and I really appreciated the opportunity to express my views. I was very pleased with the priorities that were agreed at the meeting."

"Carers often feel so isolated, but this was a chance to put our hard-won expertise to use for the benefit of others - so thank you for the opportunity to do this, I think we all had our horizons widened."

Top 10 priorities:

1. What are the most effective components of care that keep a person with dementia as independent as they can be at all stages of the disease in all care settings?
2. How can the best ways to care for people with dementia, including results from research findings, be effectively disseminated and implemented into care practice?
3. What is the impact of an early diagnosis of dementia and how can primary care support a more effective route to diagnosis?
4. What non-pharmacological and/or pharmacological (drug) interventions are most effective for managing challenging behaviour in people with dementia?
5. What is the best way to care for people with dementia in a hospital setting when they have acute health care needs?
6. What are the most effective ways to encourage people with dementia to eat, drink and maintain nutritional intake?
7. What are the most effective ways of supporting carers of people with dementia living at home?
8. What is the best way to care for people with advanced dementia (with or without other illnesses) at the end of life?
9. When is the optimal time to move a person with dementia into a care home setting and how can the standard of care be improved?
10. What are the most effective design features for producing dementia friendly environments at both the housing and neighbourhood levels?