Young Onset Dementia Admiral Nurses: working in collaboration

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Early recognition and accurate diagnosis of dementia, combined with appropriate support, can reduce the distress experienced by the whole family.
What are the issues?

Difficulties with:

- Awareness of younger onset dementia
- Recognition of symptoms
- Timely diagnosis
- Appropriate support post diagnosis
- Attribution of changes
- Relationships
- Employment

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What do families say they want?

• Awareness of their condition
• Information at the time of diagnosis
• One expert point of contact
• Access to a helpline
• Information and support for family
• Meaningful activities
• Peer support groups
• Better communication between agencies
What are Admiral Nurses?

- Family Experience
- Specialist Dementia Nurses
- Work in Partnership
- Family Focus
The Tiered Model - ABC

Tier 3 - Complex
Admiral Nurses

Tier 2 - Bespoke
Dementia Support Workers/Advisors/Wellbeing Coordinators

Tier 1 - Advice
Information and Advice Services

What do Admiral Nurses Provide?

- Family & relationship centred approach
- Partnership working
- Specialist assessment & evidence based intervention
- Bio-psychosocial support for the family carer and person living with dementia
- Supportive education
Where do Admiral Nurses work?

Admiral Nurses work with families, carers and professionals in:

- Community
- Care homes
- Hospitals
- Hospices
- Clinics

They also work on the Admiral Nurse Dementia Helpline – our national telephone and email helpline.
Recommendations

• Specialist post diagnostic support immediately after diagnosis
• Increased training for health and social care staff
• Workplace awareness
• Raising and maintaining citizenship
Thank you for Listening

Any questions?

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