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Welcome to Sensitivi-tea

What matters most
during diagnosis



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The clinicians should listen to the person with dementia and their family as a whole

'Believing me that something was wrong and not saying it was all down to stress'

'The process could have been improved if it could have been diagnosed quicker and again if they listened to us as a family'

- Quotes from people with young onset dementia

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Clinicians should be compassionate, empathic and respectful during the assessment and particularly sensitive when providing information

'The diagnosis was handled sympathetically and very re-assuring'

'Being tactful and careful when discussing how quickly the person's dementia may deteriorate'

- Quotes from family supporters

What people told us about services...

GP recognition of young onset dementia

Appointment notice period

Contact family supporters as well

Single point of contact

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Using lay terms

Follow-up letter

Quick referral

Referrals to specialist services

Multi-disciplinary team

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Referrals should ideally be made to specialist young onset dementia clinicians and services

'For referrals to be made to specialist units. Better awareness and training in Mental Health Trusts on the issues faced by younger people with dementia'

- Family supporter

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Providing the person with dementia and their supporters with a letter which details the diagnosis

‘Delivering the diagnosis face-to-face, and providing a subsequent letter’

- Person living with dementia

‘...the diagnosis has difficult terminology but this was explained and having the follow up letter I was able to research and look up the reference’

- Family supporter

Question for the audience...

If you are living with young onset dementia or are working in a memory service

How would this information that we have gathered about people's experiences be useful for you?

Taking things forward...



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