

The DYNAMIC Study: Social care for people with young onset dementia

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Two priority areas for improvement

To raise awareness among social care staff about the social care needs of people with young onset dementia and their families

To enhance strategies for managing the financial impact of living with young onset dementia

Key themes



Lack of knowledge about young onset dementia

Better knowledge of young onset dementia and its impact could improve social care staff understanding of families' needs



Lack of proactive care

Proactive social care could help to prevent crises



Person-centredness

Understanding the specific needs of families underpins good practice and can result in tailored social care



Enhanced awareness is better for everyone

Staff training and expert advice could promote social care staff confidence and ability to better support families living with young onset dementia

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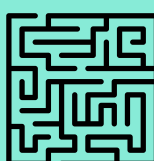
Feeling unprepared and overwhelmed

Following diagnosis and beyond, people find it hard to find information and advice about managing their finances



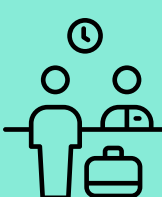
Loss of salaries

Significant financial pressures can impact on families' access to support if costs are involved



Struggle to access benefits and entitlements

Families find the benefits system hard to access and struggle to understand what support they are entitled to



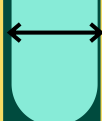
Carers' capacity to keep earning

Whether carers can remain in employment depends on the support of employers and care services put in place at home

Key messages

Let's raise awareness of young onset dementia and make sure no family faces it alone.

Developing a good social care strategy for managing young onset dementia could also have broader benefits for other complex conditions



Effective financial guidance from social care staff can reduce stress and financial costs to the person, families and services. Commissioners can ensure adult social care teams and other providers recognise the financial impact of young onset dementia and signpost people to appropriate advice, assistance and information. **Financial support matters. Let's make it accessible to everyone living with young onset dementia**

For more information <http://www.youngdementianetwork.org/DYNAMIC>

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