

West Midlands Dementia Support Survey - Carers Of People Living With Dementia

This survey is for people caring for someone living with dementia. We are asking people from across the West Midlands to take part. Thank you for your interest. The survey should take a maximum of 20-30 mins to complete.

We want to find out about any services that you find helpful and any that you think are missing. We also want to know if you have had any problems finding out about or getting the support you feel you need.

Three other surveys are taking place. These are to find out the views of people living with dementia, people who commission (design and pay for) services and organisations who provide services to support people living with dementia and/or their family and carers. We will combine the results of all three surveys to highlight good services in the West Midlands that help people living with dementia and their carers. We will also identify any common problems and any gaps that may exist. We will share the results of the surveys to help improve support for people with dementia and their family and/or carers in the future.

The survey is designed to capture individual experiences, opinions and perspectives. Please answer from your own point of view, rather than on behalf of another individual or a group. Please feel free to share this survey with anyone else you feel might be interested. You can send them this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTT65NY>

Thank you for your time and for completing the survey.

West Midlands map



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Please remember to complete all answers from your own point of view.

Firstly, we would also like to understand a little more about you and your living situation.

* What is your living situation?

- I live alone
- I live with my spouse or a family member
- Other (please specify)

Does the person you care for live with you?

- Yes
- No

Other (please specify)

* What is your post code?

Are you currently aged 25 or under? Or were you caring for the person with dementia when you were aged 25 or under?

- Yes
- No

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We are committed to promoting equality and eliminating unlawful discrimination, and we are seeking to find out whether current dementia services meet the needs of the population in the West Midlands. You do not have to answer the following three questions, and we understand that some of this information is personal and sensitive in nature. However, gathering this data helps us to understand whether services are meeting the needs of people from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Are your day to day activities limited because of a health problem or disability that is expected to last at least 12 months?

	No	Limited a little	Limited a lot
Vision (eg due to blindness or partial sight)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hearing (eg due to deafness or partial hearing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobility (such as difficulty walking short distances, climbing stairs, lifting and carrying objects)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stamina or breathing difficulty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other impairment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please expand on any answers above with as much information as you feel is relevant to your caring role.

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What is your ethnic group?

- White British
- White Irish
- Any other white background
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background
- African
- Caribbean
- Any other black background
- White and black Caribbean
- White and black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed background
- Prefer not to say

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What is your religion?

- No religion
- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindhu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion
- Prefer not to say

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Throughout this survey, we have included some statements (devised by patients and family carers as part of the national Dementia Action Alliance) that describe outcomes they would like to see in their lives. We would like to find out what the reality is for people living with dementia.

For each of the following statements, please think about your own life and indicate to what extent you agree or disagree.

* As a carer, I have a sense of belonging and of being a valued part of family, community and civic life

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* I continue to have the opportunity to develop new interests and new social networks alongside my caring role

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are you in paid part-time or full-time employment?

- Yes
 No

* My employer understands and is supportive of my caring role

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please expand on your answers above with any information you feel is relevant:

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We would like to understand a little about how the person you care for received their diagnosis of dementia.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:

* They received an early diagnosis

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* When they received their diagnosis it was communicated sensitively

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Approximately how many years ago did the person you care for receive their diagnosis of dementia?

* Who made the diagnosis of dementia?

- GP
- Memory Assessment Service
- Other (please detail below)

Please use this space to tell us anything about your experiences of diagnosis that you feel is relevant, including the type of dementia the person you care for has and anything else you would like us to know:

Was the person you care for aged 64 or younger at the time of their diagnosis?

- Yes
- No

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* Please tell us about any services that you or the person you are caring for are using or have experience of:

	Currently using	Previously used	Aware of this service but do not wish to use	Not appropriate	Not aware of this service locally
Specific support for younger carers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information and guidance about dementia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local information pack or information prescription	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specialist named dementia nurse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specialist named dementia adviser (not a nurse or doctor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support from a dementia telephone line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Memory support services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information and guidance about young onset dementia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other services specific to younger people living with dementia (please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Singing for the brain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peer support/Dementia cafes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Currently using	Previously used	Aware of this service but do not wish to use	Not appropriate	Not aware of this service locally
Opportunity to get involved in dementia research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assistive technology (any device or system that makes day to day tasks easier and possible)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medication support (for example Telecare)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training for carers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fall prevention services (advice, education, exercises etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Counselling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal care (such as help with washing, dressing etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Independent Advocacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respite/replacement care services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please expand upon your answers above and also tell us about any support you feel would make a real difference to you that is currently not available or accessible. It would be useful to know at what point during your journey so far that you would have needed this support.

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Please consider the following statements and indicate to what extent you agree with them:

* I know that the support I receive as a carer is designed around me and my needs

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* I have enough information and advice to make decisions about my caring role, as the dementia of the person I care for progresses

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* I know how and where to get information and advice about the range of benefits I can access, both for myself and the person I care for

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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* Who told you where/how to find information and ongoing support?

- GP
- Memory Assessment Services
- Someone from a third sector organisation (such as the Alzheimer's Society)
- Someone working for the council or local authority (such as a social worker)
- Other (please detail below)
- Don't Know
- We have not been offered any information or ongoing support

Please use this space to tell us anything about your experiences that you feel is relevant and that you would like us to know, including any problems you may have encountered when trying to find the information, advice and support you want or need.

* I can easily access any information or support I need to help me in my caring role

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* I can easily access any information or support I need for the person I care for

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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* I am aware that there is research going on that will lead to a better life for people with dementia now and hope for the future

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* I know how I can contribute to dementia research

Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are you or have you been involved in dementia research?

- Currently
- Previously
- No

Please tell us anything you wish about your views on research into dementia

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Thank you for completing our survey. The results will be compiled once the survey closes on 31st May 2015. If you would like to receive updates on the progress of this project, including the results of the survey and invitations to upcoming events, please enter your details below:

Name

Email Address

Telephone Number

Address

Please indicate whether you would like to be kept informed of the work of the West Midlands Strategic Clinical Networks and Senate, ADASS and IEWM around dementia and other health and social care topics. This may include opportunities to become involved in further projects

Yes

No

If you would like to find out further information about the project, please visit our website:

www.wmscnsenate.nhs.uk/strategic-clinical-networks/our-network/mental-health-dementia-and-neurological-conditions/current-projects/post-diagnostic-support

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