



Dementia care: How can primary care make a difference?

This complimentary conference for GPs, health and social care staff, and volunteers working in the primary care community is sponsored by NHS South of England (West) and the South West Dementia Partnership.

Join us at the Rougemont Hotel in central Exeter to find out more.

8 March 2012

Why should you attend?

You can make a big difference for your patients and your community!

- Dementia is a long term condition, primary care is well placed to co-ordinate better care
- Patients and families experience big gaps in care at present, they need more
- You have more people with dementia in your community than you think, and the numbers are growing
- Poor quality care means more complications and greater risks of admission to hospital and care homes although most people would prefer to remain at home
- Rethinking and commissioning new services will support primary care with better, more effective patient centred care

This interactive event has been designed to enable debate and discussion about the issues surrounding managing dementia for the primary care community. Following short plenary presentations, delegates are invited to attend four out of five masterclasses / workshops covering topics from managing the diagnosis to end of life care.

Who is it for?

GPs and other primary care and social care professionals and commissioners.

What will you learn?

Together with local South West based experts in the field, these masterclasses will be facilitated by other guest speakers who have demonstrated innovation and a desire to create positive change in dementia care. The event will conclude with a panel discussion to explore the learning that can be taken forward.

This will be supported by information available from other related organisations present on the day, and newly developed resources which have been designed to facilitate the diagnosis and management of dementia care in primary care. This conference aims to enable all delegates to take away very practical knowledge of how to diagnose, manage and support patients and families experiencing dementia across the full continuum of care, from diagnosis to end of life.

This event will enable you to update your knowledge as part of your Continuing Professional Development (CPD). GPs will be able to claim CPD points by attending this conference.

Guest speakers

Co Chairs Dr Donal Hynes and Professor Purandare together with guest speakers and facilitators to include Professor Roy Jones from the Research Institute for Care of the Elderly in Bath, Dr Ian Greaves a GP from Staffordshire, Dr Qazi a Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist from North East London NHS Foundation Trust, Anne Rollings from the Alzheimer's Society, as well as Dr Nick Cartmell and Dr Martin Freeman who lead on primary care development for the South West Dementia Partnership.

Master classes and workshops

- Diagnosing dementia in primary care
- New ways of working for dementia care
- Getting it right: Interventions that make a difference
- Living well with dementia
- Research: What do we need to know to support best practice and evidence based commissioning?

Booking and further information

Book soon, as places are limited. For further information please contact Jean Alger-Green at the office on 01278 432002 or by email jean.alger-green@swdc.org.uk.

To book a place:

 [please download and complete the booking form from our website](#)

- ▶ alternatively, please request a booking form from Jean Alger-Green, contact details as above.

We look forward to seeing you on 8 March 2012 in Exeter.

