

Early-stage dementia service

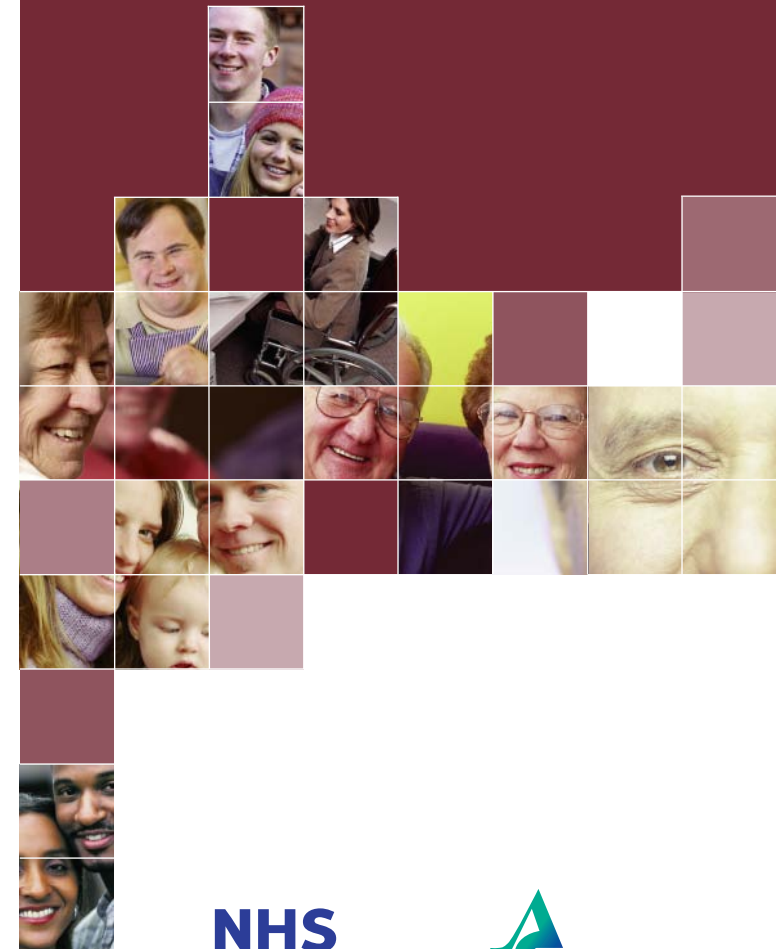


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We have introduced a service to provide support for people who have recently been diagnosed with early-stage dementia. The service is called the early-stage intervention service.

The early stage dementia co-ordinator works closely with specialist consultants in psychiatry to identify people who may benefit from support and information about their illness.

Waiting for a diagnosis can be a stressful time as many people know that something is wrong but do not know exactly what it is.

It is important to get advice from a doctor as soon as possible so you can be referred for specialist advice and a diagnosis.

It takes time to come to terms with having dementia and the early-stage intervention service is there to give you and your family information and support.

What kind of information is available through the early-stage intervention service?

- We can explain about dementia and the way it can affect people.
- We can give you information about medication.
- We can offer you and your family support and reassurance to help you with dementia and plan for the future.

- We can explain ways of coping and how you can use them to manage day-to-day life.
- We can explain about power of attorney (choosing someone to act on your behalf for things like finances).
- We can give you advice on financial matters and help you apply for benefits.
- We can give you advice and information about other services in Angus which provide support for people with dementia.
- We can help you use other services provided by the council.

If you get support and information as soon as possible after being diagnosed with dementia, this can be very effective at helping you deal with your illness.

The early-stage dementia co-ordinator works closely with the Social Work and Health and voluntary agencies in the Angus area to make people more aware of dementia and the issues that relate to it.

We have close links with Alzheimer Scotland, and we have worked with them to set up a support group for younger people (people under 65) with dementia who live in the Angus area.

We have also set up a support group for people who care for young people with dementia.

Soon after your clinic appointment with the consultant, the early-stage dementia co-ordinator will contact you by phone or letter to arrange a convenient time to visit you and your family.

You can contact the early-stage dementia co-ordinator at any time if you need any information or a copy of the recently produced DVD. The DVD provides key information about a range of other services.

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