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Dementia 2020 Challenge – the 2018 Review

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Dementia is a significant challenge. In 2015, partners agreed there was a need to set out how this challenge would be tackled.

- Dementia can have a devastating impact on people's lives, and those who care for them.
- **In 2015, dementia was one of the top five causes of death in England – it is now the leading cause. (ONS)**
- Dementia is the most feared health condition in the UK. (YouGov)
- **The numbers of those with dementia is expected to double in the next 30 years, with a predicted costs likely to treble to over £50 billion. (2020 Challenge)**
- In 2015, there had already been progress made since the original 2012 national challenge, with 1 million Dementia Friends created; 400,000 NHS staff and 100,000 social care staff trained in dementia awareness; and a diagnosis rate of 59%, from 42% in 2010/11. (2020 Challenge). **But more needed to be done.**

In response to the growing issue of dementia, the 2020 Dementia Challenge overseen by the Dementia Programme Board was launched.

- In February 2015, the government launched the 2020 Dementia Challenge.
- The Challenge was, and remains, a priority for the government.
- The Dementia Programme Board was established to oversee the implementation and progress of the Challenge. The Board brings together government, research bodies, health care and the charity sector.



The Challenge brought together key partners. It aims for England to be the best country in the world for dementia care, support and research.

The 2020 Dementia Challenge aimed for England to be, by 2020:

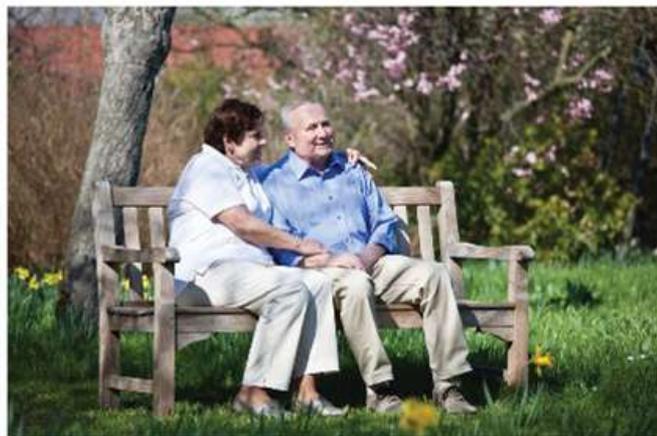
- the best country in the world for dementia care and support and for people with dementia, their carers and families to live
 - the best place in the world to undertake research into dementia and other neurodegenerative diseases
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- The Challenge contains over 50 commitments split across 4 themes:
 - Risk reduction
 - Health and care
 - Awareness and social action
 - Research (and Funding)

The publication of the Implementation Plan followed the launch of the Challenge. It set out the details for how the Challenge would be met.

- The implementation plan was published in March 2016.
- This detailed how the Challenge would be met. It set out priority actions and the organisation responsible for delivering them.
- The plan was developed in partnership with a range of stakeholders, including people with dementia and their carers.



Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020 Implementation Plan



March 2016

Good progress, overseen by the Dementia Programme Board, has been made since the Challenge was launched in 2015.

- The Dementia Diagnosis Rate is 67.9%, above the Challenge's target of 66.7%
- 2.4 million Dementia Friends in England
- 318 Dementia Friendly Communities in England and Wales
- 875,000+ NHS staff have received at least a basic grounding in dementia
- 100,000+ social care staff have received at least a basic grounding in dementia
- A range of Dementia Friendly businesses guidance published
- Improved dementia data available
- Government spending on research in 2015/16 was £92m, exceeding the challenge's commitment of £60m annually.

A review of the Challenge's progress is underway to assess whether its commitments will be met by 2020, and to start to look beyond 2020.

- DHSC committed to a full formal review of the Implementation Plan (2016) in 2018 to **“assess whether we have achieved the actions included in the [implementation] plan. It will also look ahead to the actions up to 2020 and develop more detailed delivery plans for them.”**
- The Review will take a two phase approach to meet this commitment. **The first phase (“the stocktake”) is underway, and will look back on the progress of the Challenge so far.**
- **The second phase will be a forward look beyond 2020.**

The Stocktake includes a call for evidence from partners and stakeholders to assess the progress of the Challenge. It is now live.

- **The Stocktake will reflect on what has been achieved so far** and assess whether the Challenge commitments are expected to be fulfilled by 2020.
- The stocktake is based upon a call for evidence from our partners and stakeholders.
- **The stocktake will be structured around the four themes** identified in the Challenge:
 - 1) Risk reduction
 - 2) Health and care delivery (including workforce development training)
 - 3) Dementia awareness (including social action)
 - 4) Research (including funding)
- The stocktake report will be presented to the Dementia Programme Board in summer 2018.
- **The results of the stocktake will inform the potential next stage of the Challenge** and establish what additional actions can be taken to ensure commitments are met by 2020 as planned.

Stakeholders and partner organisations are encouraged to submit their responses to the call for evidence online.

- Please visit <http://bit.ly/Dementia2020Challenge2018Review> to submit your responses to the stocktake questions online.
- Please send any queries to ddu@dh.gsi.gov.uk
- The deadline for responses is **Wednesday 2nd May 2018.**