

Post Diagnosis Care and Support: the role of local authorities

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What do we mean by post diagnosis support?

- Personalised support for the individual and carer after a diagnosis of dementia from all involved agencies
- Support should reflect different needs, wishes and circumstances of individual
- Not just health treatment



The importance of support after diagnosis

- Receiving a diagnosis of dementia can be devastating for the person and their family and friends.
- It is important that the person diagnosed receives appropriate and timely information, care and support to ensure they and their carers can live as independent lives as possible, and prepare for the future.



How can local authorities help following diagnosis?

- Local authorities have a unique role to play in supporting people following a diagnosis of dementia.
- Statutory role to provide care, support, information and advice.
- Also have a wider leadership role to promote good health and wellbeing
- Build a dementia friendly community



What does good look like?

- Ensure all professionals understand dementia
- Engage directly with people with dementia and carers.
- Ensure Information accessible and designed with people with dementia
- Access to carer support
- Access to all services



Challenges

- Raising awareness of dementia more widely so all services are involved and recognise their role
- System integration – clear pathway
- Resources and funding



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