



Younger People with Dementia Forum

HAVE YOUR SAY!



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Useful Contacts

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Meeting Dates 2011

January 13th (Thursday)

March 9th (Wednesday)

May 12th (Thursday)

July 13th (Wednesday)

September 8th (Thursday)

November 9th (Wednesday)

(all meetings start at 12.30 PM)

Venue:

Hazlewood Day Centre,
Prospect Park Hospital
Honey End Lane
Reading, Berks RG30 4EJ



Forum Support Web Site: www.ypwd.info

FACTS!

- It is estimated that in the UK there are 15,000 people under the age of 65 who suffer with dementia. In the west of Berkshire there are estimated to be 150-200 people, many of whom are unknown to local service providers.
- The needs of younger people with dementia (under 65 years of age) and their carers differ greatly from older people as the pattern, progression and burden of illness are all different.
- The impact of the disease is reflected not only on the person with dementia but also on family members – husbands, wives, children – whose lives can be severely affected.
- Loss of employment and with it financial insecurity, marital breakdown and impact on children have a far wider effect in the case of younger persons than older ones, where the family are grown up and more ready to accept dementia as a sad part of human frailty.
- Studies have shown that the indirect cost of illness in younger persons with dementia (informal care cost, treatment and mortality costs) are up to 16 times those of older people.
- Current service provision to younger people could be dramatically improved.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS?

Would you like to be part of a new initiative to bring medical professionals, social services, the voluntary sector and carers closer together? Would you like to help bridge the gap between what we as carers really need to help make our day to day tasks more achievable? Maybe find out what is actually already in place out there in the real world.

The **Younger People with Dementia Forum** could do just that.

The YPWD Forum is a vehicle to bring together all those involved in dementia care. It helps to create meaningful dialogue and support packages while communicating existing opportunities to carers and their close ones.

Carers meet together with healthcare professionals, social-care team members and representatives from voluntary organizations every two months at the Hazelwood on the Prospect Park Hospital site in Reading. They discuss anything and everything to do with caring for younger people with dementia in Berkshire – from establishing their needs and agreeing the best ways of achieving them, to discussing and working towards improving existing services and developing new ones.

If you want to be part of this vibrant new approach to care communication then why not contact us? It can only make things better.

Contact: Dr Jacqui Hussey on 0118 949 5101 or e-mail: jacqui.hussey@berkshire.nhs.uk

“The Younger Persons with Dementia Forum has certainly helped me to come to terms with my younger wife’s illness – and cope better with it”

55 year old carer

“As a professional it has really helped me to think outside the box! On a more practical level it helps create a very real awareness about how dementia strikes home and what we should be doing about it”

Clinical psychologist

“Mum was finding it harder and harder to cope with dad’s illness. When she realised that there were others in the same boat it somehow made it more bearable. And she now has a clearer understanding of the help that is out there. Wonderful!”

17 year old daughter

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