

# Meeting the Challenges of Dementia

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# Alzheimer's Society – Our New Deal on Dementia

- UK's leading dementia support and research charity for people living with dementia, their families and carers
- Transformational strategy for 2017- 2022
- Brand
- A New deal on dementia:
  - A new deal on Support
  - A new deal on Society
  - A new deal on Research

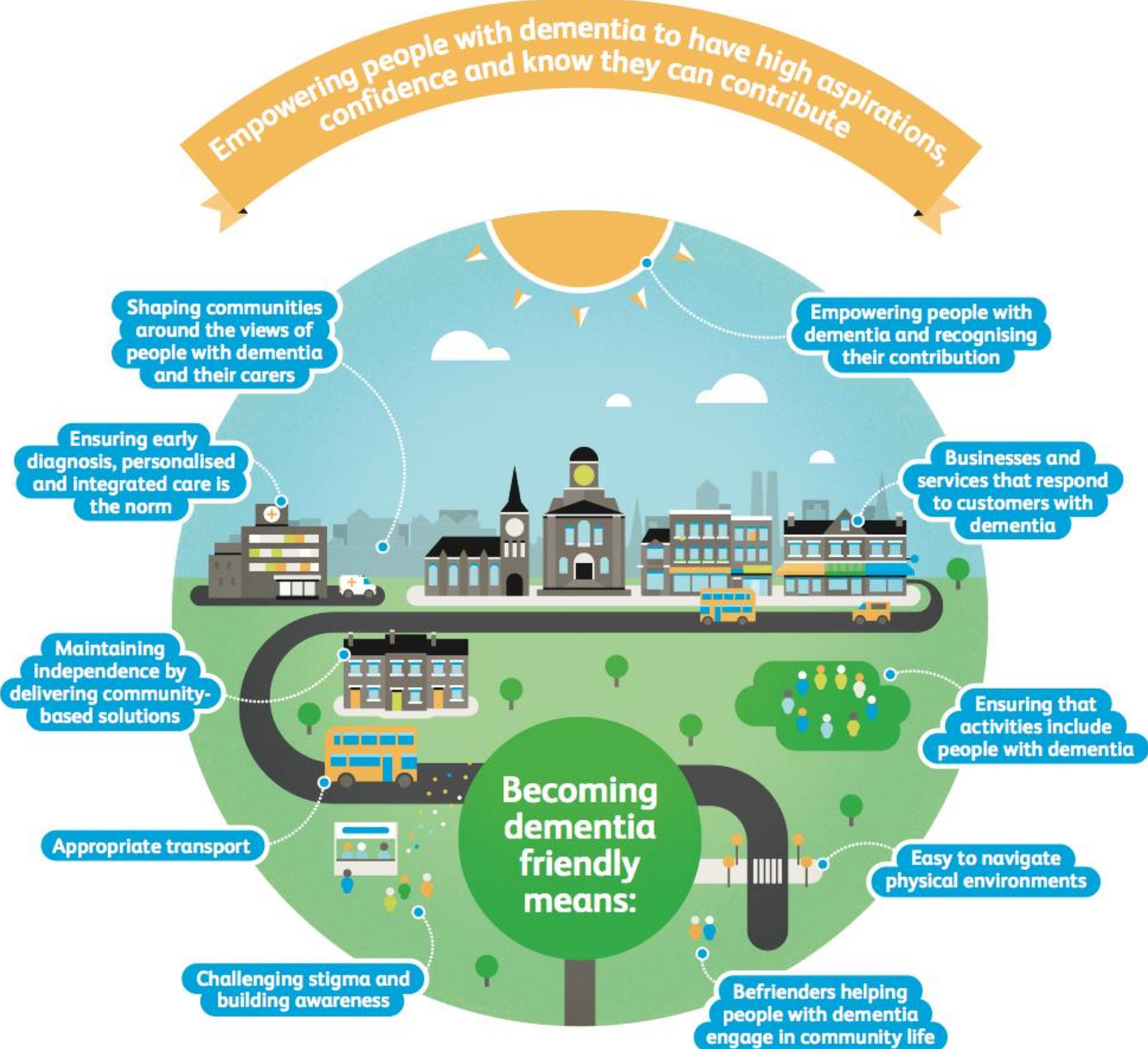


# Rising to the challenge, building on progress

- Increased awareness of dementia and over 1.7m Dementia Friends
- Improvements in diagnosis rates - but still with underlying variation
- Increasing numbers of dementia advisers
- Increasing number of dementia trained staff
- Over 200 Dementia Friendly Communities
- More dementia friendly care settings
- Greater focus on integration
- Development of a new dementia strategy for Wales
- Development of a code of practice for Mental capacity legislation in Northern Ireland



# Dementia Friendly Communities



# Diagnosis and Post Diagnosis Support

# A timely diagnosis

- Improved diagnosis
- Provision of culturally appropriate services
- Redesigned systems
- Increased investment in memory clinics
- Diagnosis in no more than 12 weeks
- Improved monitoring of memory services
- Focus on post-diagnosis support over the next five years
- Minimum standards for post-diagnosis support
- Improved monitoring of post-diagnostic services

# The role of Dementia Advisers

- One to one support
- A systematic offer
- Referral or self referral
- Self Management
- Independent living
- Seeking and accessing support
- A cost effective service
  - Spend £1, save £4
- But, increased demand



# The role of GPs in diagnosis



- Knowledge and awareness of dementia is improving amongst GPs
- GPs are still a first port of call for many people
- Information about local support and referral processes is crucial, for the GP and person with dementia
- Dementia Connect
- GP Roadmap



# Practical Support for Families

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- Caring for someone with dementia is rewarding but challenging
- Online information – *Carers: Looking after yourself*
- Carer Information and Support Programme – CrISP
- Side by Side – benefits for carers and families
- Online support – Talking Point
- National Dementia Helpline

## Side by Side volunteering

Side by Side pair people with dementia and volunteers so they can keep doing the things they love and get out and about. From joining a local club, going to the football, or just going for a stroll in the park, we want people with dementia to live the lives they want and deserve, and Side by Side volunteers can help make this possible.

Could you help someone with dementia to keep doing the things they love?



**National Dementia  
Helpline**

**0300 222 11 22**

Our [helpline](#) advisers are here for  
you.



**Talking Point  
Online  
community**

Visit our online community to get  
advice, share experiences,  
connect.

# Practical support for families and direct payments

- Direct payments and personal budgets
- Help to truly personalise care
- Independence, choice and control over support
- Requires information, support and advice to ensure that people use budgets and payments effectively
- Direct payments need agreed support plans and records of how they have been used
- Home care agencies are regulated by the Care Quality Commission in England

# Care Homes

# People with dementia in Care Homes

- 70% of care home residents are living with dementia.
- Information and support about choosing a care home
- Campaigning and influencing through Fix Dementia Care



**Thank you**