

# Dementia

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## **Covid-19**

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) lateral flow testing in adult social care settings](#) Sets out how adult social care services can carry out rapid lateral flow tests on site.

[Visiting arrangements in care homes](#) Sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents from 8 March.

[Restricting workforce movement between care homes and other care settings](#) Guidance for care home providers on limiting staff movement between settings in all but exceptional circumstances to help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

## **Studies**

[Virtual quizzes involving several care homes are feasible and might reduce loneliness and social isolation](#) This study describes a trial involving connecting care homes virtually via quiz sessions. Interviews revealed that residents felt more connected with each other, and with other care homes. They re-gained a sense of self and purpose and felt less lonely. Care home staff were eager to continue with the sessions, but they outlined barriers such as lack of staff support or time.

[Impact of deprivation, dementia prevalence and regional demography on prescribing of anti-dementia drugs in England: a time trend analysis](#) This study found that the three-fold rise in the number of prescription items for anti-dementia drugs in the study period reflects the policy emphasis on early diagnosis and treatment of dementia. Higher rates of prescribing in the least deprived areas may be reflective of better and early diagnoses and access to treatments. Such inequality in access to the treatments needs to be investigated further.

## **Guidance**

[Safeguarding adults in care homes](#) This guideline covers keeping adults in care homes safe from abuse and neglect. It includes potential indicators of abuse and neglect by individuals or organisations, and covers the safeguarding process from when a concern is first identified through to section 42 safeguarding enquiries.

## **Review**

[A myriad of factors influencing the implementation of transitional care innovations: a scoping review](#) Care transitions of older persons between multiple care settings are frequently hampered by various issues such as discontinuous care delivery or poor information transfer among healthcare providers. This review aims to identify which factors influence the implementation of transitional care innovations.

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## Resource

[Silver Book II: Quality care for older people with urgent care needs](#) The Silver Book II addresses a wide range of urgent care issues specific to older people. Aimed at clinicians and other healthcare professionals working in emergency departments and urgent care, this updated resource is presented in a highly accessible digital format and is free of charge.

## Handbooks

[Alzheimer's Society launches dementia activity handbook](#) Alzheimer's Society has published a new resource full of ideas about enjoyable and beneficial activities for people with dementia. [The activities handbook: Supporting someone with dementia to stay active and involved](#) also includes useful things to keep in mind and where to get further support. To accompany publication of the handbook, the Alzheimer's Society has also published a news story including links to other resources and activities for people living with dementia.

## Factsheet

[Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards](#) This factsheet, provided by Age UK, covers what deprivation of liberty means, the required procedure for authorisation, what can be done if there are concerns that a deprivation of liberty is unlawful, and the procedures and protections required once someone has been deprived of their liberty.

## Podcast

[The Dementia Podcast Talking Sense: understanding sensory challenges and dementia Feb 18, 2021](#) Professor Colm Cunningham and Agnes Houston MBE discuss sensory changes in dementia, its limited awareness as a symptom in the field of dementia, and the journey to the release of her internationally acclaimed book.

“Talking Sense: Living with sensory changes and dementia”, authored by Agnes with Julie Christie outlines Agnes’ experience and provides detailed insight and support to those experiencing sensory changes. As mentioned in this episode, ‘Talking Sense’ is available for free PDF [download](#) and is also available for free audio [download](#). Listen to the podcast [here](#)