

Dementia

Covid-19

[Get There Together: Videos to support people affected by dementia in Wales through coronavirus](#) NHS Wales has produced a series of videos called Get There Together for people living with dementia. These films aim to reduce concerns and reassure anyone who is anxious about getting beyond the front door as well as dealing with the stresses of COVID-19.

[COVID-19: admission and care of people in care homes \(Updated 17 May\)](#) How to protect care home residents and staff during the coronavirus outbreak.

[Arrangements for visiting out of the care home \(Updated 14 May\)](#) Sets out how care homes can support residents on visits outside of the care home.

[Visiting arrangements in care homes \(Updated 14 May\)](#) Sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents.

Cochrane Reviews

[Treatment of epilepsy for people with Alzheimer's disease](#) This review does not provide sufficient evidence to support levetiracetam, phenobarbital or lamotrigine for the treatment of epilepsy in people with Alzheimer's disease. Large RCTs with a double-blind, parallel-group design are required to determine the efficacy and tolerability of treatment for epilepsy in people with Alzheimer's disease.

[Pharmacological treatment of hypertension in people without prior cerebrovascular disease for the prevention of cognitive impairment and dementia](#) This updated review shows that high certainty randomised controlled trial evidence regarding the effect of hypertension treatment on dementia and cognitive decline does not yet exist.

Cochrane Clinical Answer

[Can anticholinergic burden be used to predict future cognitive impairment for older adults with no known cognitive syndrome?](#) For older adults (average age, 52 to 83 years) with no known cognitive syndrome, evidence suggests significant associations between anticholinergic drug use and increased risk of cognitive impairment of any kind, dementia, and cognitive decline. However, 19 of 25 studies were at high risk of bias in at least one domain assessed by reviewers, and no study was at low risk of bias in every domain. Reviewers stated that the overall quality of evidence was low, and that the strength of the association between anticholinergic drugs and dementia may have been exaggerated. Consequently, no firm conclusions can be drawn.

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Framework

[Dementia - health and social services staff: framework - Promoting Excellence 2021](#) Promoting Excellence 2021 is a framework for all health and social services staff working with people with dementia, their families and carers in Scotland.

Report

[Poor delivery of dementia trials could leave UK trailing behind in search for breakthrough](#) The UK risks losing ground to other countries in the search for new dementia. A new report highlights a worrying lack of people with dementia taking part in clinical research, as well as a lack of diagnostic capacity needed to recruit people into these studies.

News

[Emergency admissions from dementia care failures soaring, and worse to come warns charity](#) An Alzheimer's Society investigation, launched to mark Dementia Action Week, has revealed, even before the pandemic, tens of thousands of people with dementia were being rushed to hospital each year, up 27%, because inadequate social care left them unprotected from infections, falls and dehydration.

Events

[From Plan to Impact report launch](#) The report launch of From Plan to Impact IV: Progress towards targets of the WHO Global action plan on dementia will take place virtually on 26 May.

[Ageing Well with Dementia and Learning Disabilities Conference, Jun 22 - 24, 2021](#) Each day, (virtual) attendees will hear personal stories from people with learning disabilities about their own experiences of dementia and learning disabilities, and join practical workshops to explore and discuss best practice. They will also discover the latest research on the diagnosis, presentation and management of the disease through a series of expert speakers from leading institutions across the UK.

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