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# **Studies**

Association between vascular risk factors and dementia vary with age Research has shown that the association between vascular risk factors, such as high blood pressure and diabetes, and dementia varies with age.

### Major traumatic brain injury linked to higher dementia risk

Researchers from Finland have found that people who required a hospital stay following a major traumatic brain injury (TBI) were more likely to develop dementia.

# Guidance

### Social work with adults experiencing complex needs

This guideline covers the planning, delivery and review of social work interventions for adults who have complex needs. It promotes ways for social work professionals, other care staff and people with complex needs to work together to make decisions about care and support.

# Report

## From Plan to Impact V

This is the fifth From Plan to Impact report, monitoring the progress of the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Global action plan on the public health response to dementia 2017-2025.

## Blogs

Dementia diagnosis by phone and video: pitfalls and possibilities

Lucy Beishon, specialist trainee in geriatric medicine and NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer in Geriatric medicine, talks about evidence on assessing people for dementia by phone and video call, reflects on her experiences during the pandemic, and looks to the future.

## Drugs for agitation in people with dementia: benefits and risks

In this blog for the families of people with dementia, doctors Charlotte Squires and James Garrard talk about drugs used to treat symptoms of agitation and psychosis in people with diagnosed dementia. They reflect on what doctors and families together might want to consider when making decisions about trying these treatments.





#### News

<u>Researchers develop new biomarker test to track success of therapy for</u> <u>neurodegenerative disease</u>

Researchers led by Prof Adrian Isaacs (UK DRI Group Leader at UCL) have developed a way to monitor the success of therapies targeting the most common genetic cause of frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The test has been recently utilised in an early-stage clinical trial to evaluate a new treatment for the diseases.

#### Alzheimer's Society launches memory loss and diagnosis campaign

The campaign follows research which showed the main barrier to getting a dementia diagnosis was people thinking memory loss was 'just old age'.

Leading charity urges action as analysis shows dementia has been UK women's leading cause of death for a decade

Alzheimer's Research UK is calling for action to tackle dementia's disproportionate impact on women, as a new analysis shows the condition has been the leading cause of death for UK women since 2011. The charity's analysis, <u>The Impact of Dementia on Women</u>, calls for action as part of the government's new Women's Health Strategy and its Dementia Strategy.

#### Health Secretary announces 10-year plan for dementia

Health and Social Care Secretary announces a new 10-year plan to tackle dementia and boost funding into research to better understand neurodegenerative diseases.