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## **Studies**

<u>Children exposed to lead may experience symptoms of dementia sooner</u> The research, published in <u>Science Advances</u>, revealed that people who lived in cities with lead-contaminated water as children had worse baseline cognitive functioning – a measure of their ability to learn, process information, and reason – at age 72, compared with those who did not. The difference was equivalent to being roughly eight years older.

#### Dementia during COVID-19: The Lived Experience Perspective

An Edinburgh University study which recruited through Join Dementia Research, has published findings on the impact of COVID-19 on carers, healthcare professionals and people with a dementia diagnosis.

# **Cochrane Review**

Shared decision-making interventions for people with mental health conditions Assesses the effects of SDM interventions for people of all ages with mental health conditions, directed at people with mental health conditions, carers, or healthcare professionals, on a range of outcomes including: clinical outcomes, participation/involvement in decision-making process (observations on the process of SDM; user-reported, SDM-specific outcomes of encounters), recovery, satisfaction, knowledge, treatment/medication continuation, health service outcomes, and adverse outcomes. The mental health conditions studied were schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, dementia, substance-related disorders and multiple clinical conditions, including personality disorder.

### Reports

#### The Mental Health Toll of Alzheimer's Caregiving

People who care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease are at high risk of developing symptoms of depression that worsen over time, according to a new report.

#### People living with dementia 'sitting ducks for financial abuse'

People living with dementia are "sitting ducks for financial abuse" because of failures by the government, financial services and retailers, according to <u>a report</u>.

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### Podcast

<u>Uncharted Brain: Decoding Dementia – introducing a new podcast series</u> Uncharted Brain: Decoding Dementia is a new podcast series from The Conversation examining new research unlocking clues to the ongoing mystery of how dementia works in the brain.

### News

Disappointment as phase 3 trials for Alzheimer's drug ganteneurumab show no clinical benefit

In a press release today, pharmaceutical company Roche announced <u>results</u> <u>from its phase 3 trials of immunotherapy drug gantenerumab</u>. The results show that the drug failed to slow cognitive decline in people with early-stage

# Advice

<u>Twelve tips for Christmas</u>

Christmas can be the most magical time of the year, but it can also be stressful and emotionally challenging, especially for those affected by dementia. Dementia UK Admiral Nurses have pulled together a list of tips to help you have the happy and relaxing Christmas that you deserve.

