

The mission of **for dementia** is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by dementia.

The charity's main focus is to expand the availability of **Admiral Nurses** – specialist dementia care nurses who support family carers and people with dementia - and to provide training and education for care staff working in NHS, residential, nursing, day care and domiciliary settings.

The charity does this in a number of ways:

- **Admiral Nurses**, specialist dementia nurses provide practical and emotional support for family carers and people with dementia in the community, hospitals and care homes.  
Admiral Nurses are able to advise on strategies for managing the behaviour of the person with dementia, which can sometimes be very challenging and upsetting for families. Admiral Nurses will remain involved throughout the duration of the illness and can also help families through bereavement after the person with dementia has died.
- **Admiral Nursing DIRECT**, a direct access telephone information and support service for family carers, people concerned about their own memory and professional care staff. The phones are answered by Admiral Nurses and callers can contact when and as often as they need to. 08452579406
- **for dementia training**, the training division of the charity which offers high quality affordable training for health and social care staff working in care homes, the community and hospitals. Training is offered through a programme of short day courses or as a modular certificate programme, accredited by the London Open College Network. Care providing agencies can also commission bespoke training and consultancy which is tailored to meet identified needs and delivered in-house in the care setting, or elsewhere, as requested.
- **Uniting Carers for dementia**, a national membership network for family carers and friends of people with dementia, which aims to raise awareness and improve understanding of dementia and carers' issues. Members use their experience of caring to make a difference in many ways; by getting involved locally and nationally in the training and education of professionals, taking part in research, consultations and service development and by campaigning to raise awareness by speaking to the media and sharing their experiences.

Around 700,000 people in the UK have dementia, either Alzheimer's Disease, vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy Bodies or another form of dementia. Dementia is a progressive degenerative condition and, at present, there is no known cure.

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