

# Converting your nurse to an Admiral Nurse

## What is an Admiral Nurse?

Admiral Nurses are specialist dementia nurses who provide expert, relationship-centred support to families affected by dementia whilst supporting wider clinical practice and pathways of care.

Converting an existing nurse role to an Admiral Nurse offers organisations the chance to build on current expertise, align with a nationally recognised model of dementia nursing, and access ongoing professional development and service support from Dementia UK.

Admiral Nurses work across many settings, including primary care, acute hospitals, hospices and in the community.

**“Having access to an Admiral Nurse has been transformative for our organisation. As we found ourselves supporting an ageing group of people, many of whom were being diagnosed with dementia, we recognised the need to adapt and rethink the way we provide care and support.”**

**Jo Ellis, host organisation**



## Which roles are suitable for conversion?

If you've considered employing an Admiral Nurse in your organisation, converting an existing role is a cost-neutral option.

Organisations or individual nurses are welcome to discuss whether their role may be suitable for conversion with Dementia UK's Business Development Team.

The nurse must be a Registered Nurse working in a dementia-related role who has a passion for increasing their skills and knowledge in evidence-based dementia care. They should be supported by their current employer, who must be willing to work collaboratively with Dementia UK and aligned with the ethos and values of Admiral Nursing.

### Benefits:

- Support in developing nurses who are passionate about dementia care
- Ongoing support for the Admiral Nurse service through regular steering groups
- Extensive continuing practice and professional development for the nurse
- Opportunities for upskilling the wider workforce through role modelling and education
- A collaborative relationship with a respected national charity
- Use of the widely recognised model of Admiral Nursing and associated branding
- Access to service monitoring and evaluation guidance and tools

### Positive outcomes:

- Holistic, relationship-centred support for the whole family, reducing carer breakdown and improving outcomes
- Supporting complex discharge and appropriate placement matching
- Improved coordination across care settings
- Reduction in inappropriate readmissions to hospital
- Increased confidence and competence of other health and social care professionals
- Contributes to system efficiencies and reduced service pressures, with potential cost savings across health and social care

### Professionals told us that Admiral Nurses had a positive impact on their knowledge and confidence:

- 88% reported a positive impact on their confidence in assessing the needs of families affected by dementia
- 88% reported improved understanding of dementia

To find out more about Dementia UK's conversion opportunity, please contact [businessdevelopment@dementiauk.org](mailto:businessdevelopment@dementiauk.org)