

The DYNAMIC Study: Social care for people with young onset dementia

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Two priority areas for improvement

To raise awareness among
social care staff about the
social care needs of
people with young onset
dementia and their families

To enhance strategies for
managing the financial
impact of living with
young onset dementia

Key themes



Lack of knowledge about young onset dementia

Better knowledge of young
onset dementia and its impact
could improve social care staff
understanding of families' needs



Lack of proactive care

Proactive social care could
help to prevent crises



Person-centredness

Understanding the specific
needs of families underpins
good practice and can result
in tailored social care



Enhanced awareness is better for everyone

Staff training and expert advice
could promote social care staff
confidence and ability to better
support families living with
young onset dementia

Key themes



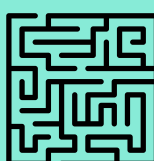
Feeling unprepared and overwhelmed

Following diagnosis and beyond,
people find it hard to find
information and advice about
managing their finances



Loss of salaries

Significant financial pressures
can impact on families' access
to support if costs are involved



Struggle to access benefits and entitlements

Families find the benefits
system hard to access and
struggle to understand what
support they are entitled to



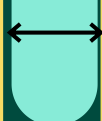
Carers' capacity to keep earning

Whether carers can remain in
employment depends on the
support of employers and care
services put in place at home

Key messages

**Let's raise awareness of
young onset dementia and
make sure no family faces it
alone.**

Developing a good social care
strategy for managing young
onset dementia could also
have broader benefits for other
complex conditions



Effective financial guidance from
social care staff can reduce stress
and financial costs to the person,
families and services.
Commissioners can ensure adult
social care teams and other
providers recognise the financial
impact of young onset dementia
and signpost people to appropriate
advice, assistance and information.
**Financial support matters. Let's
make it accessible to everyone
living with young onset dementia**

For more information <http://www.youngdementianetwork.org/DYNAMIC>

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