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The DAPE study: the impact of dementia advisors on the quality of life of dementia sufferers

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Registration date	**Overall study status**	[ ] Statistical analysis plan
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09/02/2010	Mental and Behavioural Disorders	[ ] Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol
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Type(s)
Scientific

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Study information

Scientific Title
A randomised controlled trial to assess the impact that dementia advisors have on the quality of life of people with dementia

Acronym
DAPE

Study objectives
A dementia advisor program will improve the overall quality of life for individuals with dementia and carers as compare to information provision service without a dementia advisor.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Not provided at time of registration

Study design
Parallel group randomised pragmatic cluster controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)
Quality of life

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Dementia

Interventions
As of 09/02/2010 the status of this record was updated as this trial never started due to pragmatic difficulties combining the delivery service and the research assessments.

The aim of the DAPE trial is to evaluate the impact on quality of life for a person with dementia of accessing a Dementia Adviser programme compared to a standardised information pack. The trial will also provide robust evidence on whether this dementia adviser model facilitates earlier diagnosis for people with dementia and improved access to services. These are key measures that have a long-term impact on the quality of life for a person with dementia. The third element of this trial will be to provide evidence of the financial impact of the Dementia Adviser programme for the NHS, social services and society. These findings will be vital in influencing changes in policy and practice relating to services for people with dementia.

In order to meet the above detailed objectives a parallel group, randomised, pragmatic cluster trial will be conducted to evaluate the efficacy of the dementia advisor program in comparison to information provision alone. Twenty sites throughout England will be randomised to either receive the Dementia Advisor Service or to receive information provision alone. Consecutive people with dementia referred to each site will be invited to participate in the clinical trial until 35 participants have been enrolled into the study at that site. It is anticipated that it will take 3 - 4 months to recruit the 35 participants at each individual site.

Participating sites will be randomised by the trial statistics team. Each cluster (site) will be randomised to receive either;
1. The Dementia Advisor Service
2. Information only

Therefore all participants at a particular site will receive either 1 or 2 depending of which one they have been allocated to. The randomisation will be computer generated using stratified block randomisation (fixed blocks size of 2) using Stata v8 software.

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)
Dementia Quality of Life (DEMQOL), which is considered the most sensitive measure currently available to measure quality of life in people with dementia. Assessments will be done at baseline and 12 months.

Key secondary outcome(s))
Assessments will be done at baseline and 12 months:
1. The Quality of Life in Alzheimer's Disease (QOL-AD)
2. The Cornell Scale for Depression in Dementia (CSDD)
3. General Health Questionnaire-12 (GHQ-12)
4. Service Use and Cost Effectiveness: Modified Client Service Receipt Inventory

Completion date
15/09/2013

Reason abandoned (if study stopped)
Objectives no longer viable

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Individuals with a diagnosis of dementia made by their primary care physician or a specialist clinician (no age range although most participants will be over 60 years, either sex)
2. Individuals referred for a specialist assessment with a likely diagnosis of dementia
3. Individuals referred to the Dementia Advisor Programme

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Other

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria

1. Individuals who do not have significant cognitive impairment
2. Individuals with a diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment given by either their primary care physician or specialist clinician
3. Individuals who are not likely to receive a diagnosis of dementia within the next 6 months

Date of first enrolment
15/09/2009

Date of final enrolment
15/09/2013

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

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Sponsor information

Organisation
King's College London (UK)

ROR
https://ror.org/0220mzb33

Funder(s)

Funder type
Charity

Funder Name
Alzheimer's Society (UK)

Alternative Name(s)

alzheimerssoc

Funding Body Type
Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype
Associations and societies (private and public)

Location
United Kingdom

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes