



Evidence for Improvement

Dementia 2020

Transforming Care, Support and Research

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Summary

- Why is evidence important?
- Using evidence to improve services and practice
- Resources and support for improvement



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Why is evidence important?

- Informing judgements – the decisions that do not make themselves
- Quality and confidence
- Service user and carer voice
- A practical audience – how will this help me to do what I have to do?



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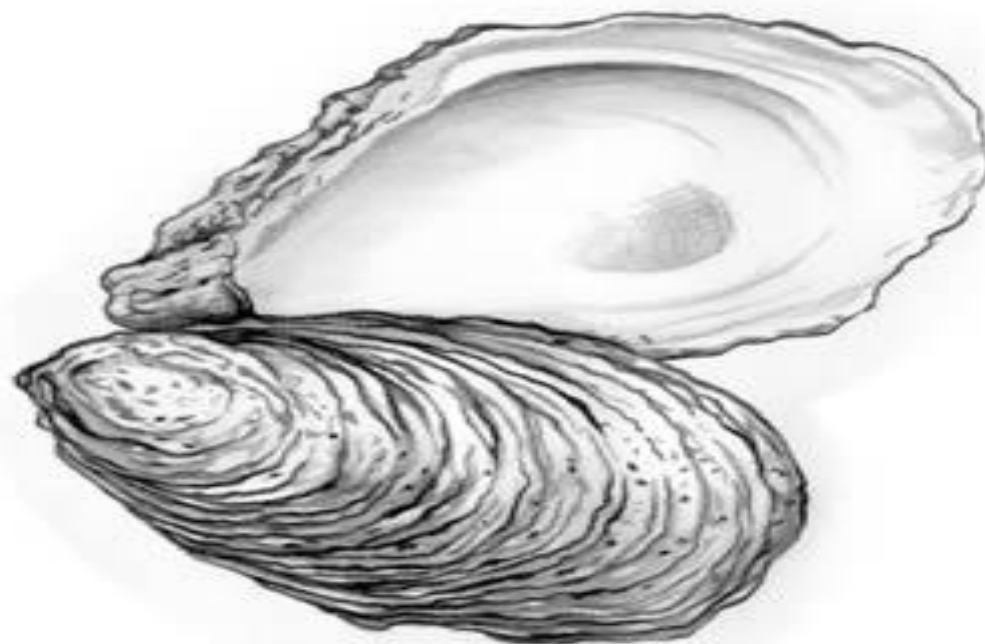
Using evidence

- What can evidence tell you?
 - Proof of what works
 - Sorts of approaches that might help
 - What's wrong/what's going well
 - To elaborate or clarify a problem/help identify solutions
- Draw on a range of sources – people who use services, carers and families, research, practice



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Using evidence



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- Improving practice and services
- Identifying and sharing knowledge about what works and what's new, support use in practice
- Inform policy development and support policy implementation
- Co productive and collaborative – with people who use services and with the sector
- Range of freely available resources
- Training, consultancy and improvement support, research, audit, evaluation and reviews.



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Dementia



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Dementia

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Welcome to SCIE's dementia hub, containing supportive information and resources, including videos, e-learning material and downloads, for care workers, people living with dementia, and their friends and family. Some resources are mapped to the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) units to support your learning.

Definition of dementia

Dementia is the name for a group of illnesses that affects the brain, with the most common form being Alzheimer's disease. Early signs of dementia may include memory problems, decline in communication skills, recognition and coordination difficulties, disorientation, changes in behaviour, judgment and mood, and loss of daily life skills.

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Symptoms of dementia

Early signs of dementia and how getting a diagnosis of dementia can be a crucial first step in obtaining support to cope and come to terms



After diagnosis of dementia

Helping people come to terms with their diagnosis, to make decisions and plan ahead is critical in supporting them to live well with



Living with dementia

Making life easier and more enjoyable is important for a person living with dementia.



Evidence- based resources - NICE social care guidelines - home care

- Developed by The NICE Collaborating Centre for Social Care a partnership, led by SCIE, using the NICE methodology
- Prioritise continuity of care by ensuring the person is supported by the same home care worker(s) so they can become familiar with them.
- Ensure continuity of care.....by
 - Introducing people to new home care workers
 - Building teams of workers around a person and their carer
 - Informing people in advance if staff will be changed and explaining why
 - Working with people to negotiate any changes to their care
 - Recognising that major changes can make people feel unsafe



Care Improvement Works

Building confidence, improving care

Free, reliable guides, learning tools and resources for providers of adult social care in England. These are mapped to the Care Quality Commission's inspection questions and key lines of enquiries (KLOEs).

Find improvement and workforce development resources from Skills for Care and the Social Care Institute for Excellence to help improve your service – whatever your inspection rating.

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