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Brain Waves



A monthly newsletter from Innovations in Dementia CIC

The aim of these newsletters is to keep people with dementia and their allies informed about the work of Innovations in Dementia Community Interest Company.

Start making sense!

We know that some people with dementia have problems with documents and signs. We want make sure that written information is easier for people with dementia to understand.

We need your help! Find out more on page 3.



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Start making sense

In the March issue of our Brain Waves newsletter we introduced 'Start making sense'. We know that many people with dementia have problems understanding documents. We want written information to make sense!

We plan to contact organisations that produce leaflets or letters that people with dementia need to see if they think about people with dementia when they are writing documents.

We need your help!



- Tell us what written information is most important to you, for example from your doctor or local council.



- Send us examples of information you have found difficult to understand.
- Send us examples of information you have found easy to understand.



- Tell us who has helped you to understand information you have been given.

Tell us what you think

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National dementia strategy

National Dementia Strategy is a government plan for improving care and support services in England for people with dementia and for their carers.

The strategy aims to

- improve awareness of dementia among both the public and health and social care professionals
- make sure that diagnosis is made as early as possible to allow for early intervention, and
- deliver high-quality care and support for people with dementia and their carers.

The draft strategy contains a list of 15 recommendations for things the government thinks will improve the quality of life and the quality of care for people with dementia and their family carers. They asked for comments from people and organisations.

Innovations in Dementia broadly welcomes the draft strategy and recommendations. We have responded to the government.

Raising awareness

We have told the government that we think that awareness raising campaigns need to include a wide range of people with dementia, and that people with dementia need good support to take part in such campaigns. People with dementia should also be informed about their rights and what they can expect.

Early diagnosis and intervention

We think this is very important. However, we have told the government that the way that information is presented to people with dementia is important so that they can make choices after the diagnosis.

High quality care

We have told the government that people with dementia should be involved how their care services are run.



**Innovations
in Dementia**

Innovations in Dementia is run by three directors - Rachael, Steve and Nada. We are a Community Interest Company. This means that any profit we make is put back into the organisation.

We do not offer services for people with dementia. Instead we work with other organisations to make sure that people with dementia can continue to take part in their communities and have active lives.

Please share your ideas, experiences and positive stories with us.

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