



Dementia: Transforming the Journey - Prevention, Treatment and Quality of Life

**Thursday 17 May 2018
Hilton Hotel Templepatrick | Northern Ireland**

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Welcome to our conference

Dementia has a profound impact on the people who experience it and on their families. With better standards of healthcare, an increasing ageing population means that the number of people living with a dementia is increasing. Governments across the four nations have identified as a priority the need to promote greater understanding of the causes of dementia, to work to find a cure, to modify the risk factors and to improve standards of care for people living with dementia. There is currently no cure for any type of dementia but there have recently been significant advances in our understanding of factors which contribute to prevention, together with improved diagnosis and treatment of dementia.

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust, The Royal College of Psychiatrists in NI, The NI British Psychological Society (NIBPS) and Ulster University have brought together speakers with international reputations from across the UK and Ireland for a one day conference to present best practice on a number of themes including:

- **Research and innovation**
- **Prevention**
- **Diagnosis**
- **Early intervention**
- **Post diagnostic support**
- **Complex co-morbidities**
- **Practice innovation**

At the Conference the BPS Dementia Advisory Group will have a local launch of their position statement on *Psychological Dimensions of Dementia: Putting the Person at the Centre of Care*.

This conference will be relevant to professional staff working in Older Peoples Services, Mental Health Services and Learning Disability Services in both the statutory and independent sectors.

Key Speakers

Professor Gill Livingston is an academic psychiatrist at University College London and works clinically in Camden & Islington NHS Foundation Trust. She is deputy director of the division of psychiatry in UCL and specialises in studies which investigate the reasons why people with dementia and their carers have particular problems and then build on this knowledge with research that has practical implications in improving the lives of and clinical care of people with dementia and their families. [Read more](#)





Professor Mary McCarron PhD RNID, RGN, BNS. F.T.C.D is Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, and Chair of Ageing and Intellectual Disability at Trinity College Dublin. Professor McCarron is a committed ageing research leader at Trinity College and an international expert in the fields of intellectual disability, ageing, dementia, and palliative care. [Read more](#)

Professor Bob Woods studied Experimental Psychology at the University of Cambridge, before qualifying as a clinical psychologist at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1975. He then worked for several years in the NHS in Newcastle, as a clinical psychologist with older people, establishing groups for carers with Age Concern, as well as developing therapeutic approaches for people with dementia. Subsequently he combined extensive clinical work with older people with academic appointments at the Institute of Psychiatry, London and University College London. [Read more](#)



Dr Afifa Qazi is a consultant in old age psychiatry and the Clinical lead for Dementia crisis services in Mid and South Essex CCG. She has been involved in research in dementia and has numerous publications in this field. She is actively involved in teaching and training including lecturing at UCL. She is also the Associate Medical Director for Essex and Kent with the North East London Foundation Trust.

Dr Frances Duffy is the Consultant Lead Clinical Psychologist for Older People in the Northern Health and Social Care Trust. She is Clinical Lead for the Memory Service and the Dementia Home Support Team (DHST). She is a committee member of the BPS Faculty for the Psychology of Older People (FPOP) and BPS Dementia Advisory Group (DAG). Frances developed CLEAR Dementia Care © with the DHST, an innovative model to help understand behaviour and address identified unmet need in people living with dementia.



CALL FOR POSTERS

Submit by Friday 30 March 2018

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Full programme to be issued shortly: 4 plenaries, 3 parallel sessions, over 18 speakers & poster presentations from all specialisms

6 CPD POINTS

1 Full Day's CPD



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