Transforming lives
Alzheimer Scotland’s approach to public policy

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Vision for change – Transforming lives
Our mission

Making sure nobody faces dementia alone.

– Making sure no one goes through the experience of dementia alone

• Being the foremost provider of information and support services for people with dementia, their partners, families and carers throughout Scotland, and

• Being the leading force for change at all levels of society, protecting and promoting the rights of people with dementia, their partners, families and carers.
Key milestones

2007  Dementia made a national priority
- 2008  National diagnosis target established
- 2009  Charter of Rights for Dementia in Scotland
- 2010  First National Dementia Strategy
- 2011  Standards of Care for Dementia in Scotland and Promoting Excellence published
- 2011  National diagnosis target achieved
- 2011  Dementia Demonstrator project established
- 2011  Chief Nursing Officer-led improvement programme on older people’s care in hospitals, with programme of inspection by Healthcare Improvement Scotland.
- 2012  Post Diagnostic Support Commitment
- 2013  Second National Dementia Strategy
- 2014  8 Pillar Model test sites
- 2014  Launch of Quality & Excellence in Specialist Dementia Care
- 2015  Advanced Illness Model
Public Policy - Approach

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  - Evidence informed
  - Partnership working
  - Contributing Organisation
  - Offering Solutions

Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers in Scotland
Stepping out of the shadows

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Getting it right throughout the dementia journey
Let’s talk about dementia
Why we are encouraging difficult conversations
Improving Hospital Care

- AS Dementia Nurses
- Dementia Champions
- Hospital Inspections
- Dementia Standards
- Three year improvement plan
- Promoting Excellence
Dementia Champions
10 Dementia Care Actions

1. Identify a leadership structure within NHS boards to drive and monitor improvements.
2. Develop the workforce in line with Promoting Excellence.
3. Plan and prepare for admission and discharge.
5. Promote a rights-based and anti-discriminatory culture.
6. Develop a safe and therapeutic environment.
7. Use evidence-based screening and assessment tools for diagnosis.
8. Work as equal partners with families, friends and carers.
9. Minimise and respond appropriately to stress and distress.
10. Evidence the impact of changes against patient experience and outcomes.
Dementia Friendly Communities
Useful Links

Making sure nobody faces dementia alone

Want to know more about Scotland’s strategic approach to dementia?

Strategy / Government / Health / Care / Campaigning / Fundraising / Services / Dementia Friends

www.alzscot.org/ADI
Thank you