

Developing guidance on how Dementia Service Providers and Community Groups can support people with Younger Onset Dementia and their families.

Overview

It is estimated that there are between 2,906 and 4,311 people living with Younger Onset Dementia (YOD) in Ireland (Pierse, O'Shea and Carney, 2019). Recent Irish research (Fox, Cahill, McGowan & Kilty, 2020) has highlighted that the needs of people living with YOD are significantly different to those living with later-onset dementia. For example, some of the current supports and services are not appropriate for, or are unacceptable to, many people with YOD and their families.

Focus and aims of work

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is inviting applications to tender to develop specific guidelines on how Dementia Service Providers and Community Groups can support people with YOD living in their communities through the development or adaptation of new and/or current services.

The overall aim of this work is to develop evidence-driven and consensus-based guidance on how (a) Dementia Service Providers and (b) Community Groups can and should support people with YOD and their families. It is intended to build on the recent review of diagnostic and post-diagnostic processes and pathways for people living with YOD (Fox et al. 2020) and bridge research into practice. This work should be focused on community-based service provision rather than residential or acute settings. Guidelines should be developed in conjunction with

- People with YOD and their families
- Representatives from various community groups
- Stakeholders and staff involved in service provision (at multiple levels)
- Representatives from Dementia: Understand Together
- Dementia Service providers including The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Role of The ASI

The ASI's role in this research will involve

- (i) Tender the call and arrange a review to select the most appropriate applications
- (ii) Draw up terms of reference
- (iii) Provide ongoing support and advice
- (iv) Design & publication of project guidance and report

Project Outputs

- A guidance document with practical and specific evidence-based guidelines on how dementia service providers and community groups can support people with YOD and their families.
- Brief report on the process of developing the guidelines including a plain language summary.
- Presentation of findings to ASI Senior Management and Board
- Presentation of findings to ASI staff members
- Presentation at a launch event aimed at community groups and dementia service providers



How to apply

Expressions of interest (EOIs) (3-4 pages) should include a plain language summary and describe the following:

- Overall objectives, and an outline of your understanding of the outcomes we are trying to achieve
- Outline of plan and methodology,
- Relevant skills and experience of the team, including track record,
- Budget and project staffing details

Please submit EOI by 17th October 2021 via research@alzheimer.ie. Queries can also be submitted to this email address.

Timeframe & Cost

This project has a maximum budget of €20,000 inclusive of VAT and all other costs.

Deadline for EOI: 17th October (midnight) 2021

Notification of award: 29th October 2021

Draft due: 15th April 2022

Finalised document and report due*: 13th May 2022

Presentations/event: May – July 2022

**Hard deadline*

The contract will be awarded by 12th November and work will start immediately.

Shortlisting Procedure

Applications will be reviewed by a committee. The key criteria for scoring the tenders are:

- How well the tender responds to the brief and understanding of the brief
- Methodology/approach to developing the guidance
- Relevant skills and experience of the team, including track record of producing similar work of a high quality and to deadline
- Cost and value for money.

References

Fox, S. Cahill, S, McGown, R. and Kilty C. (2020) Young Onset Dementia: A Review of Diagnostic and Post-diagnostic Processes and Pathways. National Dementia Office: Tullamore. Retrieved from <https://dementia.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Youngonsetdementia.pdf>

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