

The Dementia Research Advisory Team: Information Leaflet

What is the Dementia Research Advisory Team?

- A group of experts by experience who work **with** Researchers as part of the research team. This is known as Person Public Involvement (PPI) or co-research.
- Team members are not research participants.
- The team is made up of people living with dementia and caregivers.
- This is often done on a voluntary basis though sometimes members may receive payment from researchers they work with.

What does the Dementia Research Advisory Team do?

Team members work in partnership with researchers to make research more relevant and better quality. People with dementia and their caregivers can bring unique insights from their personal experiences which are really valuable when planning and designing research studies. Involvement might include:

- Designing and planning research studies
- Co-designing study information leaflets and other materials
- Improving the way research results are shared with the public
- Setting research priorities

What will be involved?

- Members will be involved with dementia-related research studies.
- Each project will be different, but you can choose which research projects you want to support.
- The Dementia Research Advisory Team regularly meets online. They also come together 2 or 3 times per year for training workshops.

Am I qualified to be on the Dementia Research Advisory Team?

- Yes! You do not need any special knowledge or experience to be a member of the team.
- To be on the team you must be a person living with dementia, or have personal experience of caring for a person with dementia.
- People from diverse groups are welcome e.g. The LGBTQI+ Community, the Traveller Community and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Groups.

What benefits are there for me?

- Help improve dementia research.
- Have your voice heard.
- Learn about new developments in dementia research.
- Challenge yourself by being involved in the research process.

Time commitment

- There will be five to six Dementia Research Advisory Team meetings per year.
- Any additional time commitments will depend on how many research projects you choose to be involved with.

Expenses

At a minimum, you will be refunded for any reasonable expenses in line with ASI or university policies (such as travel expenses) and lunch will be provided.

How do I join?

To join the Dementia Research Advisory Team please contact Cíara O'Reilly at The Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Her details are below

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