



Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to welcome you to the Autumn edition of your ASI Research Newsletter. Below you will find information relating to our National Report "The Experience of Dementia in Ireland, A Snapshot in Time," which launches this morning. There is also an update on the work of the Dementia Research Advisory Team, and news of the winner of our first Dementia Research Award 2023.

The Experience of Dementia in Ireland: A Snapshot in Time



Throughout May and June 2023, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland undertook a vital piece of research to ask you, as people affected by dementia, what challenges you face and what supports and services you need. This national survey sought to capture a snapshot of the experiences of people affected by dementia – those living with the condition, and their families, carers and supporters.

Who took part?

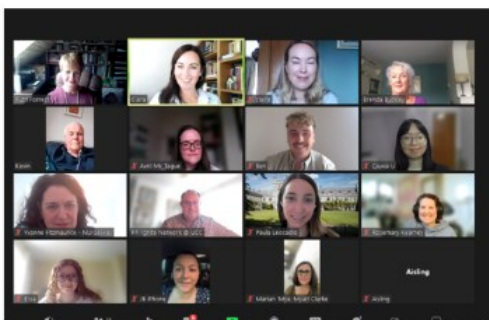
- 597 Carers / Supporters
- 72 People living with dementia

To read the report in full or our plain language summary of the report, please check out our website, www.alzheimer.ie.

We are so grateful to everyone who took the time to share their personal experiences and stories with us. It is your efforts that have enabled us to produce this work.

Dementia Research Advisory Team

The Dementia Research Advisory Team is a group of people living with dementia and carers/supporters who are involved in dementia research as co-researchers. These Experts by Experience influence, advise, and work with researchers across Ireland. Their work is defined as Person Public Involvement (PPI) whereby members work in partnership with researchers from the outset of a project right through to disseminating findings.

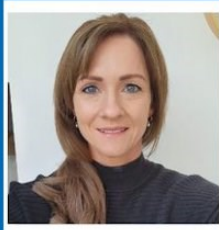


As PPI in research continues to grow, the members of the Dementia Research Advisory Team have had a busy Summer engaging with a variety of projects all over Ireland. They have

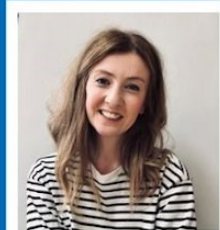
- contributed to a national online workshop hosted by PPI Ignite UCD on Person Public Involvement and Research Ethics
- supported researchers with funding applications
- participated in a panel discussion on the importance of PPI in lab-based research at the recent Neuroscience Ireland Conference
- shared their insights as PPI Contributors with a new generation of researchers

Many thanks to Dementia Research Network Ireland and the PPI Ignite Network for their ongoing support and collaboration. To learn more about the work of the Dementia Research Advisory Team check out our website.

Dementia Research Award Winners!



Dr. Michelle Kelly



Dr. Caoimhe Hannigan

Increasing the Availability of Cognitive Rehabilitation for People with Dementia in Ireland

Dementia Research Award Funding Announcement

In The ASI's 2022-2024 Research Strategy, we have committed to developing and supporting quality dementia research that is in line with our mission and values, and is important to our communities of people living with dementia, family carers, supporters, staff and volunteers.

Earlier this year, we announced the launch of our first Dementia Research Award 2023; funding available to a maximum value of €100,000 towards a project of 9-24 months duration.

Following a rigorous and competitive application process, Dr. Michelle Kelly and Dr. Caoimhe Hannigan from National College Ireland were the successful winners of our Dementia Research Award for their project "Increasing the Availability of Cognitive Rehabilitation for People with Dementia in Ireland"

This work will address the lack of availability of Cognitive Rehabilitation (CR) by creating a new service-delivery model. CR is an evidence-based intervention that supports people with dementia to maintain or improve their cognitive and everyday function.

TeamUp for Dementia Research



The Experience of Dementia in Ireland; a Snapshot in Time survey was distributed among a number of mediums, including via our **TeamUp for Dementia** Research service.

This service connects people with an experience of dementia with opportunities to participate in ethically approved dementia research in Ireland.

If you are not already a member and would like to get involved in dementia research check out our website: www.alzheimersociety.ie/creating-change/research/teamup.