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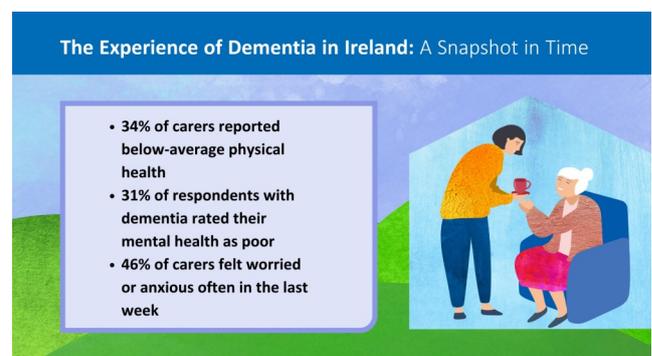
We are delighted to welcome you to the Autumn edition of our ASI Research Newsletter.

Below you will find information relating to our National Report "The Experience of Dementia in Ireland, A Snapshot in Time". There is also an update on the outcome of our Dementia Research Award and a report on our Research Knowledge Exchange Event that took place earlier this year. We also highlight some upcoming events which might be of interest to you.

### The Experience of Dementia in Ireland: A Snapshot in Time

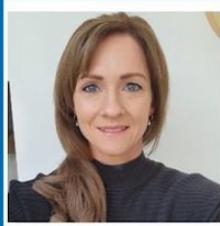


On September 28th, The ASI launched our Experience of Dementia in Ireland: A Snapshot in Time report. This report stemmed from a national piece of research which sought to fully understand the experiences of those affected by dementia in Ireland in 2023. People living with dementia and (informal) carers shared their experiences and perspectives on services, supports, challenges, needs, and their mental and physical health.



Findings highlight the challenges and issues faced by people living with dementia and family carers, including access to supports and services, mental and physical health, stress, isolation and worry. To read the full report or our plain language summary, check out our website, [www.alzheimer.ie](http://www.alzheimer.ie).

# 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

### Winners 2023

We are delighted to announce that Dr Michelle Kelly & Dr Caoimhe Hannigan from NCI have been awarded The ASI's Dementia Research Award 2023.

Their project title is "Increasing the Availability of Cognitive Rehabilitation for People with Dementia in Ireland". We look forward to working with you!

A sincere thank you to everyone who submitted applications for this award. The standard was incredibly high.

Thank you to all of the peer reviewers who generously gave their time to review the applications.

## The ASI & Dementia Research Network Ireland Knowledge Exchange

### Event - Report



Bridging the gap between research, policy and practice can be a challenge for researchers.

Earlier this year, The ASI, in collaboration with Dementia Research Network Ireland (DRNI) hosted a Knowledge Exchange Event, bringing together early-career and experienced researchers, clinicians, people living with dementia and family carers to explore this topic.

This event provided us with the opportunity to share our knowledge and expertise within the dementia research community and hear from others on collective challenges and solutions for research translation.

Check out our report from the event in full, or read our plain language summary on our website.

## 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.

TeamUp for Dementia Research is a service where people living with dementia and their families can register their interest in participating in dementia research. It connects you with researchers who are conducting studies in the area of dementia (e.g. prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care, cure).

The goals of TeamUp for Dementia Research are:

- To make research more accessible to people living with dementia and their families
- To enhance dementia research in Ireland
- To ensure people living with dementia and their families have their voices heard in research



The poster features a dark blue background with a white speech bubble in the center. At the top left, the text 'TeamUp For Dementia Research' is displayed in white and green, with a tagline 'Connecting People and Research' in a blue box. To the right is a circular graphic with icons representing people, a heart, a magnifying glass, and a brain. Below this, a statistic states: '500,000 people are affected by Dementia in Ireland, with 30 people diagnosed every day.' The central speech bubble contains the question: 'Do you want to have your voice heard in Dementia Research in Ireland?' Below the bubble, contact information is provided: 'To learn more: visit: [www.teamupfordementia.ie](http://www.teamupfordementia.ie), email: [teamup@alzheimer.ie](mailto:teamup@alzheimer.ie), phone: 1800 341 341'. At the bottom, logos for 'Dementia Research Network Ireland' and 'The Alzheimer Society of Ireland' are visible.

If you would like to utilise the TeamUp for Dementia Research service for your own research, please get in touch by emailing [teamup@alzheimer.ie](mailto:teamup@alzheimer.ie).

## Closed Opportunities

### [HRB / HRCI Joint Funding Scheme 2023/2024](#)

Thank you to everyone who submitted an Expression of Interest form. The deadline has now closed, and shortlisting is now underway.

All applicants will be made aware of the outcome of their EOI form and whether they will be asked to complete a full application in due course.

## Upcoming Events

Make sure to check out our social media channels to stay up to date with up and coming events.

- National PPI Festival: 1-31st October
- Dementia Research Network Ireland Early Career Researcher Day: 10th October
- Alzheimer Europe Conference: 16-18th October