

ASI Research Newsletter

Summer 2024



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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter of 2024!

The Research & Policy team has been incredibly busy the last few months presenting at conferences, supporting events and our colleagues across the organisation. Check out what else we have been up to below and some upcoming events.

NCI Launch Report: Cognitive Stimulation Therapy for People Living with Dementia



We had an engaging and informative morning at the report launch of “Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) for People with Dementia: An evaluation of facilitators and barriers to intervention delivery in Ireland” at the National College of Ireland, Dublin.

This research project was funded by the Irish Research Council's New Foundations scheme and undertaken by National College of Ireland's Dr Caoimhe Hannigan and Dr Michelle Kelly, in collaboration with The Alzheimer Society of Ireland. The ASI further supported this project in facilitating the successful recruitment of participants affected by dementia through our TeamUp for Dementia Research service. Read the report here: <https://shorturl.at/WI8Wm>.

New Publications

Research | [Open access](#) | Published: 05 June 2024

Navigating the future of Alzheimer's care in Ireland - a service model for disease-modifying therapies in small and medium-sized healthcare systems

[Iracema Leroi](#) , [Helena Dolphin](#), [Rachel Dinh](#), [Tony Foley](#), [Sean Kennelly](#), [Irina Kinchin](#), [Rónán O'Caomh](#), [Sean O'Dowd](#), [Laura O'Philbin](#), [Susan O'Reilly](#), [Dominic Trepel](#) & [Suzanne Timmons](#)

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This research, led by Prof Iracema Leroi from TCD, was published recently. Many experts from the field contributed to this timely piece of work, including The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Research & Policy Manager Dr. Laura O'Philbin.

It is critical that we understand the impact of new disease-modifying therapies for people living with dementia on our healthcare systems in Ireland.

You can read this article here: <https://shorturl.at/bZsH8>.

Original Article

Dissonance in the face of Alzheimer’s disease breakthroughs: clinician and lay stakeholder acceptance, concerns and willingness to pay for emerging disease-modifying therapies

Irina Kinchin, Sharon Walsh, Rachel Dinh, Margaret Kapuwa, Sean P. Kennelly, Ann-Marie Miller, Ann Nolan, Sean O’Dowd, Laura O’Philbin, Suzanne Timmons and Iracema Leroi

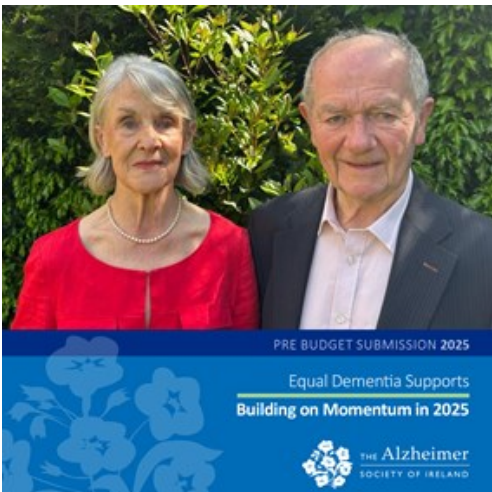
Dissonance in the face of Alzheimer’s disease breakthroughs

This study led by Prof Iracema Leroi sought to investigate the public’s and health professionals’ perspectives on the acceptability of new DMTs for Alzheimer’s disease; the perceptions of risk/benefits; and the public’s willingness to pay for such drugs.

ASI Research and Policy Manager Dr Laura O’Philbin also contributed to this research which exposes complex attitudes toward emerging DMTs for Alzheimer’s disease.

Read the article in full here: <https://shorturl.at/K4exK>.

Pre-Budget Submission 2025



#TeamASI hosted our Pre Budget Submission 2025 at Buswell’s Hotel on June 27th.

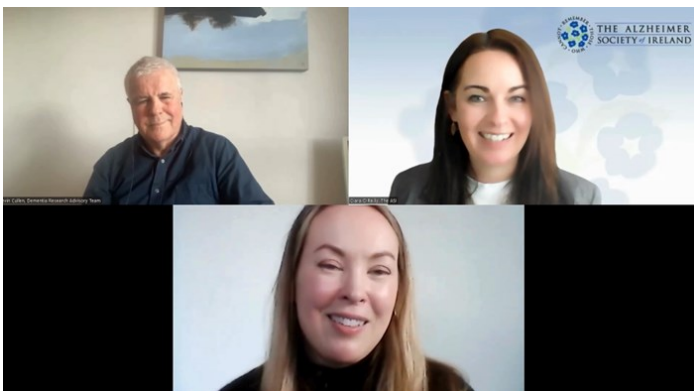
As part of our Asks in the upcoming Budget, this included support for dementia research with an investment in €1m in Dementia Research Network Ireland. This will have a positive impact on facilitating quality research and innovation.

Additionally, to support an advancing dementia research landscape it is necessary we can provide the right support to keep pace. Thus, The ASI has asked for €59,000 to help people affected by dementia to participate in research through the expansion and diversification of our TeamUp for Dementia Research service. Investment in this area would provide recruitment support to more research teams.

The importance of a National Dementia Registry remained at the forefront this year concerning equitable access to support and services across Ireland. We urge the government to progress this registry which can help us to facilitate responsive and appropriate allocation of resources and service planning.

You can read more about our Asks on our website.

Alzheimer Disease International Conference



In early April, The Research & Policy Team attended the Alzheimer Disease International Conference virtually. The conference took place in-person in Krakow, Poland and online.

Kevin Cullen and Claire Odlum, with support from ASI Research Projects Officer Cíara O'Reilly, presented virtually on behalf of the Dementia Research Advisory Team. Their presentation was focused the impact a diagnosis of dementia has on the person who becomes the Carer / Supporter. Members of the Research team also had a number of presenting on the economic costs of caring in Ireland, growing capacity of PPI contributors and a poster entitled "How do loneliness, stress and social isolation manifest in people affected by dementia? Solutions from an Irish dementia landscape".

Upcoming Events



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Research Webinar Series 2024

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will be running a number of dementia research webinars in the early autumn. Keep an eye out for a future research update email with a list of topics and presenters!