

ASI Research Newsletter Summer 2026



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Dear @FIRSTNAME@,

Welcome to the Summer edition of your ASI Research Newsletter!

We are delighted to bring you an opportunity to share your Experience of Dementia in our 2026 national survey! Please also find below updates from our Dementia Research Advisory Team, findings from a recent report launched by Family Carers Ireland, and a variety of research opportunities available through our TeamUp for Dementia Research service.

[The Experience of Dementia in Ireland 2026](#)

Building on our 2023 research, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (The ASI) is once more seeking to understand what life with dementia is like in Ireland. This national survey aims to provide a snapshot of the experiences of people affected by dementia - those living with the condition and also their families, caregivers, friends and supporters. We want to learn about any challenges you are facing, the supports you currently access and any additional support that is needed.

The purpose of this research is to inform our political advocacy, service planning and research & policy work.

To ensure we are capturing the experiences of **all** people affected by dementia, we are keen to hear from people in smaller towns and rural Ireland.

Please click on the poster below to access the survey or contact us on **survey@alzheimer.ie** to arrange a hardcopy or to take part over the phone with a member of the Research Team.



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EXPERIENCE OF DEMENTIA IN IRELAND 2026 SURVEY

Every 3 years, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland seeks your insights on what it is like to be affected by dementia in Ireland.
Please tell us what life with dementia is like in 2026.

Who should take part?

- People living with dementia
- Family carers and supporters of people living with dementia

Sharing your experience will shape our advocacy, research, and policy work and will inform the development of future services.

Complete the Experience of Dementia Survey today!




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carers &
supporters

Survey Closes July 2026

The Dementia Research Advisory Team

The members of the Dementia Research Advisory Team (DRAT) work to ensure that the lived experience of dementia remains at the heart of the research process. As Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Contributors, they collaborate with researchers across Ireland, sharing their insights and perspectives to strengthen and improve dementia research.

In May, DRAT members were invited by Professor Colm Cunningham to visit the Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute for an engaging and interactive learning experience. Members learned about Professor Cunningham's research into hip fracture, delirium and dementia, and enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of a working neuroscience laboratory.

DRAT members Ruth Forrest and Kevin Cullen also took part in a fireside chat with The ASI's Research Project Officer, Cíara O'Reilly, at the launch of the Dementia Services Information & Development Centre's new eLearning module, [Supporting Sexuality, Intimacy and Relationships in Dementia Care](#).

As we move into the second half of the year, DRAT members are busy preparing to present at the upcoming Alzheimer Europe Conference at Dublin's Convention Centre Dublin. They are also

looking forward to hosting the next edition of their popular research knowledge exchange event, DRATgons' Den 2026.



Research in the News

Family Carers Ireland - The State of Caring 2026

The ASI's [TeamUp for Dementia Research](#) service recently supported recruitment for Family Carers Ireland biennial State of Caring survey. Many thanks to the members who took part.

Some of the report recommendations include

- abolishing the Carer's Allowance means test
- moving towards a new Family Carer Payment,
- extending Fuel Allowance to all Carer's Allowance recipients and
- providing targeted support for households facing high care-related energy costs.

Read the full report [HERE](#).

KEY FINDINGS



TeamUp for Dementia Research

[TeamUp for Dementia Research](#) connects people affected by dementia with opportunities to take part in ethically approved dementia research. Members are invited to participate in research projects that align with their stated preferences.

**** Online anonymous survey with optional follow up interview for adults with chronic illness who have worked at any point since being diagnosed with a chronic illness.****

Study Title: Chronic Illness and the Reshaping of the Psychological Contract



Many people living with a long-term health condition face important decisions about whether, when, and how to talk about their condition at work. These decisions can affect their experiences in the workplace, including the support they receive from managers and colleagues.

This study aims to better understand the work experiences of people living with chronic illness. The Researchers are interested in how health conditions may influence experiences at work, workplace relationships, support, and decisions about sharing information about a condition with others.

Findings will help improve understanding of the experiences of people living with chronic illness in the workplace and may help inform employers, organisations, and policymakers in creating more supportive and inclusive work environments.

To take part, please click on the survey button below.

BEGIN SURVEY

**** Available online nationwide and in-person in Cork/Dublin)****

Study Title: The Lewy Lounge: Evaluating a peer support programme for people living with Lewy body disease and their care partners: A pre-post design.

This six week peer-support programme, known as the Lewy Lounge, is intended to provide emotional, social, and informational support for people who are living with, or supporting a person with, Lewy Body Dementia. It is a space for people to confidentially share their experiences, relate to and learn from each other, in a psychologically-safe environment with a professional facilitator.

This study aims to improve the diagnosis, management and lived experience of people affected by Lewy Body Dementia in Ireland.

For more information or to become involved, **please email teamup@alzheimer.ie**

If you are not already a member of TeamUp for Dementia Research and would like to become involved, please click [HERE](#).

Research Participants Needed

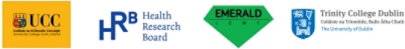
Do you have Lewy Body disease or closely support someone living with the condition? The Emerald Lewy Team in Trinity College Dublin are currently seeking volunteers to complete and provide feedback on a **peer support** programme called *The Lewy Lounge*.

What does it involve?

- Attending and providing feedback on a 6-week peer support programme
- Completing surveys
- Completing an interview

Participation is voluntary
Information shared is strictly confidential.

For further information:
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