

# How we produce our information about dementia

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Alzheimer's Society produces a wide range of information for various audiences and in a range of formats. The aim of our information is to support and inform people with dementia and their family, friends and carers.

We are committed to producing information that is:

- clearly written - we want our information to be understood by everyone who reads it
- accurate and up to date - all of our information will be updated every two years and is reviewed by our Specialist Review Panel of dementia experts and our Reader Panel of people with experience of dementia
- reliable - our writers use the best available sources of evidence (eg guidelines from NICE, SCIE, Cochrane Collaboration or the Royal Colleges)
- balanced and independent - our policies and principles help keep our content free from bias or undue external influence
- accessible - we offer our information in a range of formats
- relevant - content is tailored to the needs of people living with dementia and their carers.

In recognition of the high quality of the process we use to develop information, Alzheimer's Society has been certified with the Department of Health's Information Standard. This quality assurance standard helps people to identify information that has been produced through highly credible and reliable systems.

Alzheimer's Society is grateful to all the dementia specialists and people affected by dementia who generously give their time to help us develop our publications.

## The Information Standard

In May 2011, Alzheimer's Society was accredited under the Department of Health's Information Standard, which recognises trustworthy producers of health and social care information. The Information Standard is a rigorous set of criteria that we use to ensure that the way we produce information is of a high quality. It includes reviews by experts and people with experience of dementia. You can be sure that that information we produce is reliable, relevant, up to date and accurate.

We will be placing the Information Standard quality mark on our publications and on dementia related information on our website so that you can be assured that our information is of a high standard.

### **The Information Standard quality mark**

Alzheimer's Society shall hold responsibility for the accuracy of the information we publish and neither the scheme operator nor the scheme owner shall have any responsibility whatsoever for costs, losses or direct or indirect damages or costs arising from inaccuracy of information or omissions in information published on the website on behalf of Alzheimer's Society.

The Information Standard quality mark does not apply to the user-generated content on this website (such as personal experience pages).

## Our Specialist Review Panel

The Specialist Review Panel reviews Alzheimer's Society publications to ensure that content is accurate and up-to-date, free from bias, comprehensive and based on the best available evidence.

We thank all our Specialist Review Panel members for their support.

Our panel members have expertise in a wide range of aspects of dementia, from health and social care through to legal and welfare issues. If you are interested in becoming a panel member, please contact Dr Tim Beanland, Knowledge Services Manager on [Tim.Beanland@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:Tim.Beanland@alzheimers.org.uk)

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## Our Reader Panel

The Reader Panel is made up of people with dementia, their families and carers. Many members have an in-depth understanding of dementia gained through their experience living with the disease or caring for a person living with dementia.

The Reader Panel reviews Alzheimer's Society publications to check that the content is clear and accessible, relevant to their needs and reflective of their general experience.

Alzheimer's Society is grateful to all Reader Panel members for their support. If you are interested in becoming a panel member, please contact Nick Ridgman, Publications Editor on [nicholas.ridgman@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:nicholas.ridgman@alzheimers.org.uk)

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