



Joined Up Care
Derbyshire

Derbyshire and Derby Dementia Together Co-Production Newsletter

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‘A group of people with lived experience working together to shape better dementia support in Derbyshire’



Join the Dementia Together Co-Production Group!

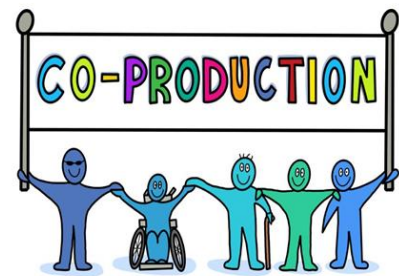
Co-chairs Wendy Burton (Expert by Experience) and Phil Wall (Adult Social Care and Health) warmly invite people with lived experience to join our Derbyshire-wide co-production group. Meetings are hybrid (online and in-person), and with support available for those needing transport.

We are looking for more people with lived experience of Dementia in Derbyshire and Derby to join this group. It provides a real opportunity to comment on and improve Derbyshire’s Dementia Services. Engage as much or as little as you want!

Spread the word and contact derbyshire@alzheimers.org.uk to get involved!

Meetings held in 2025 / 26:

- November 28 | Financial Advice for Carers
- February 26 | End of Life Care and Dementia
- April 23 | Review of Joint Dementia Strategy (1 year in)



Next Meeting & Topic:

- June 25 | Care Homes & Respite

Why Join us?

★ Meet other carers and share experiences in a safe space

★ Discuss how to remove barriers and challenges

★ Have input on how Dementia services are provided





Achievements and work in progress:

Dementia Apps Research

At a recent Dementia Co-production Group meeting focused on Technology Enabled Care, members asked what dementia-friendly apps are currently available. Bunny McCullough kindly researched both **local resources and commercial apps** to help people living with dementia and their carers choose useful digital tools.



👉 **Read the summary:** [Dementia Apps Research Nov 25 v2](#)

Dementia Together on the Alzheimer's Society Website

Alzheimer's Society has relaunched its local website for **Derby City and Derbyshire**, including a brand-new page dedicated to the **Dementia Together Co-production Group**.

👉 **Visit the page:** [Co-Production Group – Dementia Derbyshire and Derby City](#)

New Brain Health Toolkit

Public Health Derbyshire has developed a **Brain Health Toolkit**, informed by key findings from the Lancet Commission.

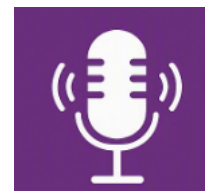
Members of the Dementia Together Group volunteered their time to **review, test and give feedback** before the toolkit was launched.



👉 **Explore the toolkit:** [Derby and Derbyshire Brain Health Toolkit](#)

Young Onset Dementia Podcast

Toni & Nigel, who live in Chesterfield, generously share their experience of the diagnosis process, accessing local support and tips for others living with young onset dementia.



👉 **Listen to the podcast:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MDq2e1vp-s>





End of Life Dementia Podcast

This moving podcast focuses on **end of life care for people living with dementia**. It features professionals working in this field alongside Tim, a carer who speaks about losing his wife and the importance of compassionate, well-planned care.

 **Listen here:** [End of Life and Dementia Care podcast](#)

“Waiting Well” Letter & Leaflet Review

The Dementia Together group have reviewed and suggested changes to the letter sent to people referred to the NHS Memory Assessment Service. The supporting leaflet has also been simplified, with key contact info and a focus on carer inclusion.

National Dementia Award Nomination

We are delighted to announce that our co-chair Wendy Burton has been shortlisted for the people’s choice award for her dedication to improving the lives of people living with Dementia.


 **More information here:** [People’s Choice Award – Dementia Community](#)



Dementia Together Logo

We explored ideas for a refreshed logo to represent our co-produced work. Following group discussions, members felt it was vital that “**Dementia Together**” is clearly visible and central to the design.



 To find out more or get involved, email: derbyshire@alzheimers.org.uk

