



## Connecting People, Connecting Support

Transforming the allied health professionals' contribution to supporting people living with dementia in Scotland 2017-2020

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Connecting people, connecting support is about how allied health professionals (AHP's) in Scotland can improve their support for people with dementia, their families and carers to enable them to have positive, fulfilling and independent lives for as long as possible.

The aspiration is that people living with dementia have better access to a range of AHP's regardless of age or place of residence, early in their diagnosis and throughout their illness.

Connecting People, Connecting Support presents an evidence-informed case to support an approach to practice for all AHPs working with people living with dementia – what we call the AHP approach.

## 5 things you need to know about the AHP Approach:

1. The AHP approach is applicable for all people with a diagnosis of dementia in all care settings
2. It is underpinned by principles of human rights using the PANEL approach as a framework
3. The fundamental understanding driving the approach is that people living with dementia **can** benefit from AHP-led interventions.
4. The AHP approach combines a biopsychosocial approach of care with an integrated and co-ordinated approach to providing AHP interventions.
5. The five elements in the AHP approach are described separately, but must be considered collectively within overall universal, targeted and specialist AHP interventions

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