



# A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Approach to Dementia Services

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# Background:

- **Trained as a psychiatric nurse**
- **Residential care, clients with dementia, behavioural problems**
- **Bradford Dementia Group**
- **Managing residential services, Bradford, Brent and Haringey**
- **Head of Commissioning, Brent**
- **Private sector quality management work for EAPs**
- **Head of Residential Services, Kent**
- **Project Director, Re-provision of Residential Care, Waltham Forest**
- **Journalism: Guardian and Caring Business**



# **Social Context: The Horrorshow**

**Futurologist's predictions: 140 – 200**

- **Demographics: 180% increase**
- **Less money for older people**
- **Higher eligibility criteria**
- **More pressure on carers**
- **Resentments/Politicisation**



# My Own View

- **Get a bit warmer**
- **Living on the moon**
- **Teleportation to work**
- **Dr. Who for PM**
- **England to win the Ashes**



## **Racing Certainties: Good Stuff**

- **Better drugs for Alzheimer's Disease**
- **Assistive technology gets interesting**
- **Direct payments give more choice**
- **Educated carers**
- **Equity comes on stream**
- **Marketplace Diversifies**



# What Central Government Wants

- **People at home/out of hospital (35%)**
- **Advice based services**
- **Preventative services**
- **Extra care sheltered housing**
- **Minimised financial pressure**



# Old Moore's Almanac

## Residential care as resource centres:

- 24 hour advice
- Outreach
- Community centres/empowering campuses
- Without walls
- Virtual homes



# **Old Moore's Almanac**

**Very specialised residential care:**

- Rehabilitative**
- The very difficult**
- The very ill**
- Recruitment**
- Properly trained staff**
- Flexible, responsive, respectful**



# **Old Moore's Almanac**

## **Health and social services links:**

- **Joint commissioning**
- **Joint planning**
- **Less waste**
- **Better targeted services**
- **A genuine preventative agenda**
- **A genuine hospital at home service**



# **Old Moore's Almanac**

## **Social change:**

- National links, internationalised carer and client communities**
- An alliance with the young**
- Resource issue pushed up the agenda**
- A better understanding of dementia**
- Services I actually want to use**



**Any questions?**



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