

## Introduction

*Connecting people, connecting support* (CPCS) was launched at Alzheimer Scotland on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 by Jacqui Lunday-Johnstone, Henry Simmons and the Scottish Dementia Working Group <http://www.sdwg.org.uk> providing health and social care partnerships with a framework for restructuring, integrating and maximising the contribution of allied health professionals (AHPs) to dementia care so that these professionals are working to greatest effect in line with Commitment 10 of Scotland's 2017-2020 National Dementia Strategy.

## Purpose

The group will support the integration of Connecting People, Connecting Support to local AHP practice in Scotland promoting the rehabilitation & enablement skills and expertise of the AHP workforce with the aspiration that people living with dementia have better access to a range of AHPs regardless of age or place of residence, early in their diagnosis and throughout their illness.

The forum provides a national clinical leadership network and an infrastructure of local leadership for integrating Connecting People, Connecting Support, transforming current and future AHP practice in Scotland in relation to dementia care.

The forum will have a pivotal role in planning and supporting implementation nationally and locally and will oversee and monitor integration of the four principles and ambitions of connecting people, connecting support

The forum will:

- work collaboratively to ensure a national approach to the implementation of evidence, sharing of best practice and use of outcome measures, developing a shared understanding of priority areas for development
- make linkages between the role of AHP's in dementia across to other national and local policy areas including integration, self-directed support, carers act and policy and capitalise on or add value to any new third sector, community or independent sector initiatives, projects or programmes
- be a point of reference, support and networking for AHPs and partners in care about the AHP contribution in dementia care to the 21 commitments in Scotland's National Dementia Strategy
- develop and maintain a strategic and effective approach to communication considering various media such as communities of practice, WEBEX, spotlight reports and social media including twitter and blogs

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## Membership

The forum will be chaired by Professor Maggie Nicol and hosted by the National Alzheimer Scotland AHP Consultant and will meet every two months with supporting monthly WEBEX. VC facilities will be available for every meeting.

The nominations for membership (with an alternate if appropriate) will be via the AHP Director/Associate AHP director for the local integrated boards or the Scottish policy officers for the AHP professional bodies. Each member of the forum will have strong links with their AHP director/associate director or their professional body and will develop local AHP dementia networks with a range of stakeholders. The networks will include AHP representatives from, for example, practice education, acute, primary and social care, and the third sector, and will engage meaningfully with people living with dementia.

To support and integrate the work nationally, there will be an AHP representative from the following national programmes/organisations: Focus on Dementia, NHS Education, Active and Independent Living Programme, Care Inspectorate and the Higher Education Institutions. Current membership is in Appendix I

## Reporting Structure

An implementation programme led by the National Alzheimer Scotland AHP consultant will be established to deliver on the 4 ambitions. This will be underpinned by a measurement framework to fully realise the impact of the improvement work across health, social care and partner organisations.

Governance and monitoring of the four ambitions will be led by the National Alzheimer Scotland AHP Consultant who will work in partnership with the Alzheimer Scotland AHP Dementia Forum. Reporting of progress on the impact of CPCS will be integrated within the national governance structures for the monitoring of Scotland's National Dementia Strategy and The Active and Independent Living Programme. Bi-monthly reports will be prepared and these will be shared with key stakeholders in a variety of formats.

## Sharing information and resources

- All agreed papers will be shared on the AILP AHP dementia page including group papers which will be open public website  
<http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/ahpcommunity/ailp-priority-workstreams/dementia.aspx>
- The work will also be shared on social media including the twitter account at @AHPDementia and the weekly blog [www.alzscot.org/talking\\_dementia](http://www.alzscot.org/talking_dementia)
- All the work will become available on the Alzheimer Scotland website with current work available at [www.alzscot.org/ahp](http://www.alzscot.org/ahp)
- Each member of the forum will provide a bimonthly "spotlight updates" which will be shared prior to each forum meeting.
- An annual update on the progress of the AHP Dementia programme will be developed and available

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### Working Methods/Ways of Working

- Meeting dates will be set 12 months in advance by the chair and National Alzheimer Scotland AHP consultant
- Meeting papers will be sent out at least one week prior to the meeting date by the National Alzheimer Scotland AHP consultant
- Speakers will be invited to the forum to support agenda items and the remit of the group
- Terms of reference will be reviewed annually
- After each group meeting feedback will be invited on “*what worked well*” and “*what could have made the meetings even better*” and then shared with forum members
- Each group member will reflect on the “value” statements designed by the group (appendix II)

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Value Statements designed & agreed by forum members

<b>Values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being listened too x 4</li> <li>Feeling included &amp; supported x 2</li> <li>Everyone having the opportunity to be heard x2</li> <li>Shared ownership</li> <li>A nurturing &amp; supportive atmosphere</li> <li>Respect &amp; trust</li> <li>Safe space to share ideas even if controversial</li> <li>Not judged, openness, ask questions everyone else wants to ask</li> <li>Time for everyone's opinion to be heard</li> <li>Interaction from everyone</li> <li>Informality &amp; fun &amp; all equal</li> </ul>
<b>Vision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideas exchanged &amp; practice shared x6</li> <li>Collaboration &amp; conversation &amp; discussions x3</li> <li>Inspirational people sharing success stories &amp; projects x3</li> <li>Being clear on actions to be done x2</li> <li>Having worked &amp; learnt something new x2</li> <li>Being clear about the purpose of the meeting &amp; clear agenda</li> <li>Maximum participation</li> <li>Hearing about progress &amp; outcomes</li> <li>Good knowledge exchange</li> <li>Stick to important themes &amp; agenda's</li> <li>Having a purpose &amp; change will happen</li> <li>Preparation &amp; planning – information in advance</li> <li>Having the right people their skills, knowledge, motivation &amp; commitment</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback or resume of the day's work</li> <li>Sharing learning x2</li> <li>Communication &amp; feedback outside meetings x2</li> <li>Action plans</li> <li>Keen to return</li> <li>Leave integrated</li> <li>Manageable work plan</li> <li>Clear about what I am being asked to do</li> <li>Mapping the journey</li> <li>Sense of influence &amp; information going somewhere</li> <li>Skills to take away &amp; use, space to practice and learn</li> </ul>