

Connecting People, Connecting Support

Transforming the allied health professionals contribution to rehabilitation and diagnostic support for people living with dementia and their families



Connecting People, Connecting Support (Alzheimer Scotland 2017, 2020) is an evidence based allied health professional (AHP) dementia policy that outlines how AHPs can support people living with dementia and their families with 4 ambitions to transform practice. To integrate national policy to local practice for the benefit of people with dementia and their supporters, a co-ordinated implementation model was developed.



Alzheimer Scotland AHP Dementia Forum

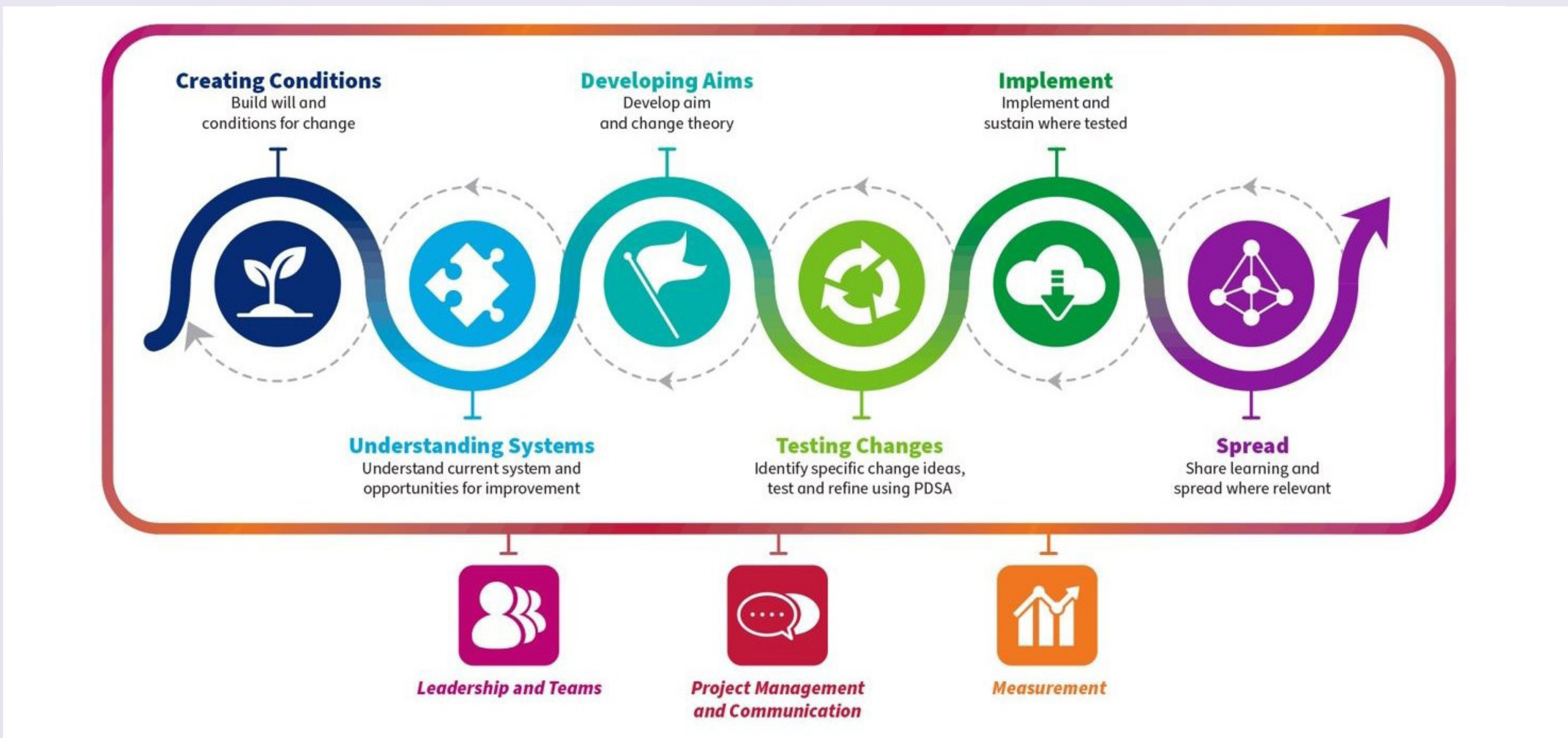
A national forum has been established with over 40 AHP's. The AHP forum ensures a national approach to the implementation of evidence, sharing of best practice and integrating policy to local practice.
www.alzscot.org/ahpdementiaforum



An integrated Quality Improvement Journey

Implementation of Connecting People, Connecting Support is underpinned by integrating an improvement approach to fully realise the impact of the 4 ambitions.

We are combining relational approaches focusing on how we engage with people in the change process and technical approaches focusing on designing effective systems and processes.



Ref: www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/our-work/quality-improvement/

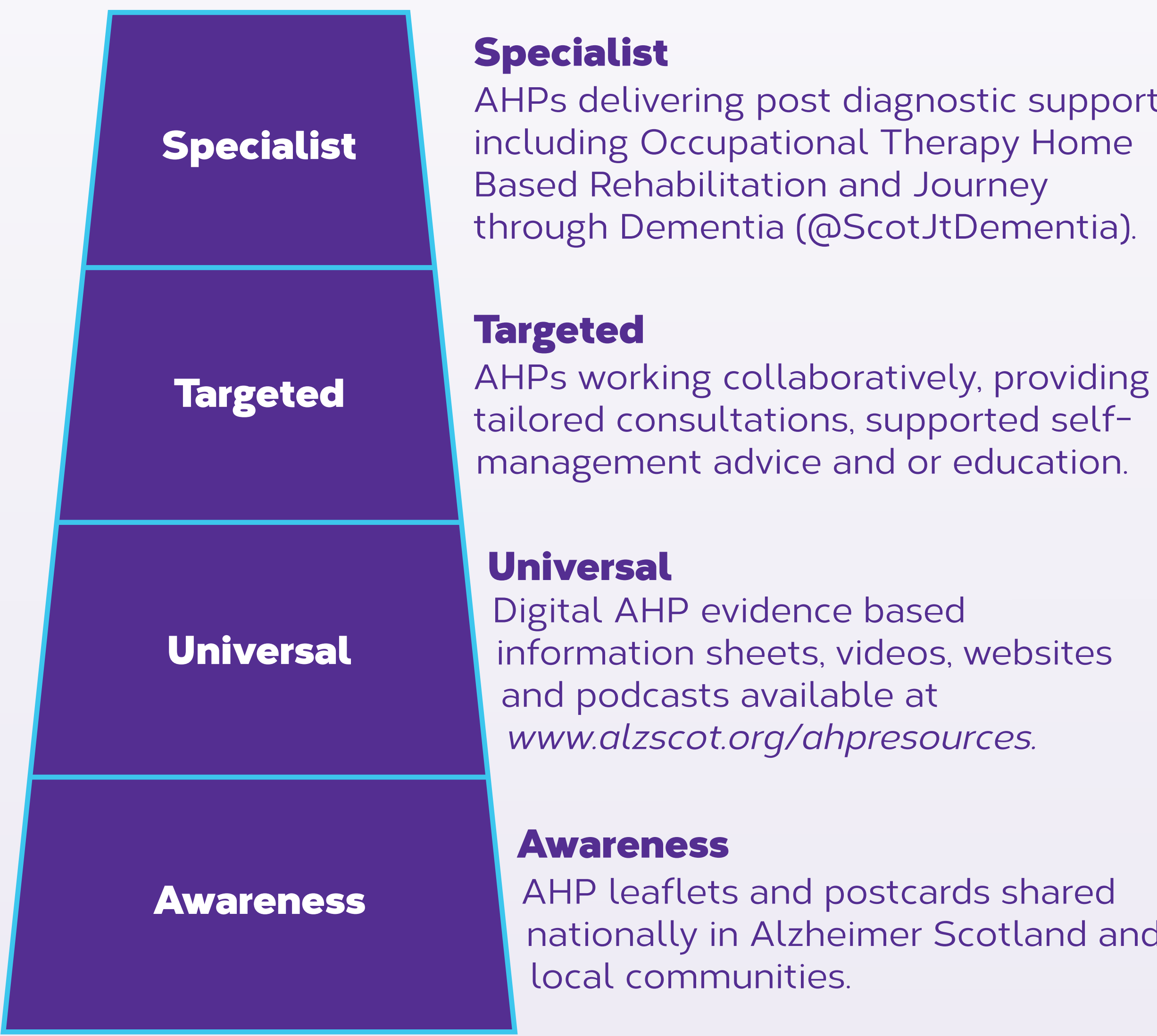
Connecting People, Connecting Support is the first policy of its kind in the UK however the key messages will be of interest to an international audience who are looking to integrate rehabilitation in their services models. Services are much more effective when they are coordinated, integrated and working in tandem with people living with dementia and calls for a multidisciplinary, multi-sectoral approach in which AHPs play a unique part.

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A tiered approach to access AHP rehabilitation

Resources and interventions are being developed and mapped to a tiered approach to access the skills and expertise of AHPs.

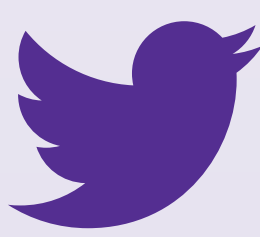


Integrating technology to everyday practice

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Weekly blog with 468 posts, 157,633 views and 90,925 visitors.
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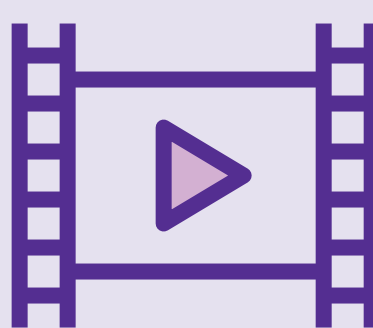
Twitter*
Shared 2,877 practical hints and tips at @AHPDementia to over 5k followers.



AHP Dementia Webinar Series*
22 webinars engaging an audience of 5,694 registrants nationally and internationally. A further 3,554 views of the recordings at www.alzscot.org/ahpwebinars



Animation and film
Digital solutions to AHP rehabilitation co-designed with people living with dementia including 7 animations and 4 films.



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You can find the full report and the integration of the 4 ambitions to local practice here: www.alzscot.org/ahp