# with **PHYSIOTHERAPY** you CAN...



**#With PHYSIOTHERAPY you CAN** Creating Physiotherapy led resources to promote movement and physical activity for people with dementia.

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To develop a suite of physiotherapy led, self-management resources promoting movement, physical activity and exercise for people with dementia, supporting the Maximising Physical Wellbeing component of the AHP approach (1. Connecting People, Connecting Support (Alzheimers Scotland/Scottish Government 2017)



- Adapt currently available super 6 exercises (2. CSP, 3. AILIP) and create seated super 6 exercises for people unable to exercise in standing
- Create a pocket book of physical activity ideas, expanding on Pocket Ideas: A moment in time (4. NHS Ayrshire and Arran) to encourage movement at all stages of dementia
- Use dementia friendly language and minimal explanation (5. DEEP) to reduce information overwhelm, and review order of exercise provision to ease transition between exercises
- Use colour and contrast to aid sensory processing.
- Film in real time with clear, concise instructions.

### DO

- Funding applied for and granted for creation of resources (2019)
- Created and launched (June 2020) Dementia friendly Super 6 (strength and balance) and newly created Seated Super 6 (strength and flexibility) exercise sheets
- Filmed Super 6 and Seated Super 6 exercises, (launched Feb 2021)
- Created and launched (January 2022) "Just Move" - A pocket book of physical activity and exercise ideas for people with Dementia, in partnership with NHS Ayrshire and Arran following a staff move.

#### These resources can be found on:

- The Alzheimers Scotland Website. (Scan the QR code to access)
- The NHS GGC website
- The NHS AAA Dementia app (find on Apple or android app store)

### **STUDY**

- Prior to launch, draft resources were sent to relevant stakeholders (see thanks) for feedback, and trialled by development group members. They were amended as required.
- Webinars and blogs were held to launch the exercises and pocket book resources – feedback was obtained from attendees via on screen polls, mentimeter, and post webinar feedback



Resources have been shared, and feedback requested from, and provided by, social media users on twitter.



## ACT

- Following overwhelming feedback, the words "dementia friendly" were removed from the exercise sheets, to be used with a wider audience.
- The resources are now clearly labelled for Strength and balance (Super 6) and Strength and flexibility (seated super 6)
- The team gave permission for the exercises to be filmed by Heather Bryson to raise funds for **Alzheimers Scotland** YCShUM, and to be featured in a book
- Some language was changed, and a speech bubble inserted into Just Move following stakeholder feedback





Physical Activity and Exercise Ideas for people Living with Dementia



### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

- Collect data from social media using #withPHYSIOyouCAN #JustMove, #JustMoveDementia, and create follow up resources using this.
- Work with Physiotherapy students to creatively share information from resources (e.g movement minutes on@ahpdementia Instagram/Twitter) Stakeholders have requested via mentimeter: resources for care homes, posters, falls resources, apps, training workshops, adapted exs. We

will consider these for future developments

#### References:

- Connecting People, Connecting Support (2017) Alzheimers Scotland / Scottish Government
- Get up and Go: A guide to staying steady (2015) **Chartered Society of Physiotherapy**
- 3. Active and Independent Living Program (AILP) Take the
- balance Challenge (2017) Scottish Government Falls and
- Pocket Ideas: A moment in Time (2016) Andrea Boyd, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
- Writing Dementia-friendly information (2013) Dementia

How do you #justmove? Share your ideas with us on social media #justmovedementia

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