

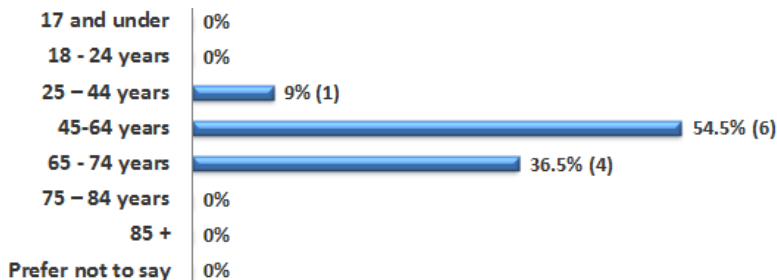
# Hot topics – Dementia – March 2015 (1/4 slides)

## About the respondents

- **28** people responded , including **21** HaRD Net members ; 18 via the web link provided by email and the others were equally via the event, weblink and freepost.
- **>1%** response rate ; expected due to the specific topic. The 7 non-members responded through the website (5), event (1) and free post (1).
- **53.5% (15)** had a family member who has been diagnosed with dementia and completed the survey.

**Ethnicity 100% (10)** of respondents who stated, were **White – British or Other**

## Age



## Sexuality

**73% (8)** of respondents were **Heterosexual/ straight**,  
**18% (2)** were **Gay/lesbian**  
**9% (1)** **Prefer not to say**

**Protected characteristics**  
**100% (10)** **No**

## Disability



## Religion

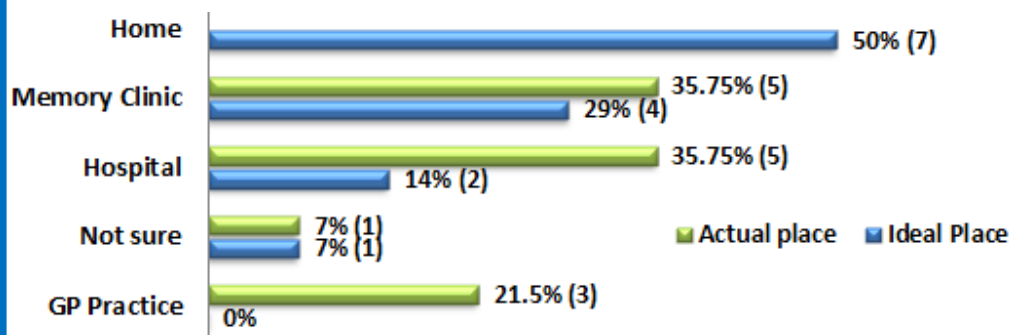
**73% (8)** considered themselves to be **Christian** and  
**18% (2)** had **No religion** and one **Prefer not to say**

**Gender : 54.5% (6)** of respondents were **Female**

- 9% Prefer not to say
- 9% Long term health condition
- 9% Sensory disability
- 9% Physical disability

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## *Where did/Where would the ideal place be for, an assessment of someone with dementia to take place?*



- **100% (13)** thought that it would be helpful for people with dementia to be allocated a key support worker.
- **64% (9)** were “Satisfied” or “Fairly satisfied” with the support services currently available.
- **36.5% (4)** thought that there were issues with how meeting the diverse needs of the population would be met.

## *Ensure easy access to quality services (diagnose) and support families and carers (once diagnosed)*

- Invite families to review meetings and provide care manager
- Pro-active assessment/early intervention to prevent trips and accidents e.g. occupational therapy
- Provide written summary of recommendations/appointments for patient to reference
- Improve awareness of what services can be accessed
- Memory clinics are a good resource for diagnosing, treatment and management of dementia

# Hot topics – Dementia – March 2015 (3/4 slides)

## *Ensure easy access to high quality services to diagnose and support families/carers after diagnosis*

- Include families in timely review meetings, regular assessment and provide care manager
- Pro-active assessment/early intervention to improve diagnosis and prevent trips/accidents
- Provide written summary of recommendations/appointments for patient to reference
- Improve awareness of what services can be accessed at each stage, as condition progresses
- Memory clinics are a good resource for diagnosing, treatment and management of dementia compared to GP (Re-iterated by chart on Slide 2 showing ideal place for assessments).

## *Make HaRD a Dementia Friendly Community*

- Dedicated colour for different bus routes
- Suitable floor surfaces to prevent falls
- Increase home, community & housing support
- Remove politics and involve community groups
- Co-ordinated approach/monitor funding & outcomes
- Raise awareness of demographics and dispel perception that it only affects older people
- Develop register for dementia patients similar to that for blind/partially sighted (NYCC) to support police

## *Improved the follow up of people with dementia*

- Patient and family could be in denial/not wanting to make a fuss/embarrassed and slow down process during early stages
- Provide regular care worker support including domestic support
- Support for carers and family to implement recommendations during assessment period

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## *Working closely with their partners in Social Services, Harrogate Hospital and mental health providers*

- Symptoms are not investigated promptly as assumed to be Dementia related
- Day care is too short to provide Carer respite
- Consider emergency contact system
- Improvements in access to respite, carer resources and domestic & nursing support and consistency
- Improve consistency and quality of home assessments

## *Introduced additional specialist support in care homes*

- Staff would benefit from Dementia awareness and Key worker training
- Not aware of this specialist support
- Social interaction opportunities are important
- Continuing care and support from Community nurse
- Avoid psychotropic medication

## *Introduced specialist services in Harrogate Hospital*

- Improve recognition of role of carers to reduce anxiety and consider the “24h passport” scheme
- Recognise them as patients with specific needs rather than as dementia patients i.e. treat primary symptom
- Allow sufficient time, funding and space to provide care with consistent staff
- Continue training of staff including latest techniques and compassion