



Development of a Strategy on Dementia for the Health Services

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Government Commitment



Commitment in the Programme for Government - “Government for National Recovery 2011-2016”:

“We will develop a national Alzheimer’s and other dementias strategy by 2013 to increase awareness, ensure early diagnosis and intervention, and development of enhanced community based services. This strategy will be implemented over five years.”

- It will be developed on the basis of the best evidence available from national and international sources.
- It will support the delivery of long-term care services having regard to future demographic trends and the consequential increase in demand on the health services.

Work to date



Preliminary work has started the process of developing the strategy.

May 2010 - Round table discussion involving DoHC, HSE, researchers and advocacy groups.

National Dementia Advisory Committee - to gather evidence and research information on:

- Medical research and treatment and their projected impact on the number of dementia sufferers and on health and social services.
- Demographic change in the population and its projected impact on the prevalence of dementia.
- Identify strategies/policies in other countries, their outcomes and evaluations that may have relevance to the Irish context.
- Services, programmes and other interventions which have been used in preventing, treating and managing dementia

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This will underpin the development of the strategy.

Due to begin reporting in late 2011

Development of Strategy



- Formal work on strategy to begin in 2011
- Working Group established
 - Terms of reference
 - Timelines agreed
- Public consultation
- Strategy and implementation plans developed and costed
- Publication and launch by 2013