

# Journal of Dementia Care

## Guidance for authors

### Project updates & viewpoints

These articles generally focus on a project or piece of work in a local area. The aim is for practitioners to share the story of their work, focusing as far as possible on what is new or different about the project or service. The article must ALWAYS include a box of "Key Points" to consist of **4 - 6 brief bullet points**.

The article should cover:

- the motivation and context for the project
- who was involved
- what work was undertaken (including method, approach and time-scales)
- financial considerations
- examples of the project at work
- implications for practice
- lessons learned
- future plans arising from the work.

Articles may also give an update on a project or campaign, be an extended news story, or express an opinion or viewpoint. Length is flexible, but would generally be **between 700 and 1500 words**. Shorter pieces are more likely to be published quickly, and Letters to the Editor are always welcome.

We are committed to the principles and practice of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Please provide details of how your service or project demonstrates that EDI values have been considered and addressed. We are also keen to know how experts by experience - people living with dementia, care partners and family carers - have been involved at every stage.

### Features

These are longer articles, generally around 2000-2800 words in length, including references and text boxes. The article must ALWAYS include a box of "Key Points" or "Key Points for Practice" to consist of **5 - 10 brief bullet points**. The article must also include an **abstract** summarising the article content in **up to 250 words**.

These longer articles are intended to give more scope for depth and analysis, although they should still cover all the aspects suggested for shorter contributions (as above). A feature may report on a case study, a survey, a service reorganisation, a new project, a service evaluation, a research project, a major publication or campaign, or share good practice on a particular topic (for example, pain management).

Principles and practice of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, and the involvement of experts by experience should also be addressed (see paragraph above).

If you are interested in submitting a feature article, in the first instance please email the editor Sue Benson at [sue@dementiapublishing.community](mailto:sue@dementiapublishing.community)

## **Evidence for Practice/Research News**

This section aims to keep readers up to date with research in dementia care and the current best evidence to support practice. We aim to provide a channel of two-way communication between researchers and practitioners, so that research findings influence practice and practitioners' concerns are fed into the research agenda.

We welcome contributions such as:

- Information on recently-completed studies available to readers
- Notice of the publication (recent or imminent) of peer reviewed research papers with practical relevance to dementia
- Requests or offers for sharing research information and experience in particular fields of interest.
- Short comment on important research papers recently published, drawing practitioners' attention to new evidence and key points that should inform practice.

Please send contributions for this research section to Sue Benson ([sue@dementiapublishing.community](mailto:sue@dementiapublishing.community)).

## **References**

For all contributions, please supply references in Harvard style, and set out as follows:

### *Journal article*

Morrison RS, Sui AL (2000) A comparison of pain and its treatment in advanced dementia and cognitively intact patients with hip fracture. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* 19 240-48.

### *Book or report*

Royal College of Physicians, British Geriatrics Society and British Pain Society (2007) *The assessment of pain in older people: national guidelines*. London: RCP.

Photos are always extremely welcome, and should be sent as separate images, as high resolution as possible (at least 300 dpi) and in JPG or TIF format. Full caption information too please.