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Highlights of our year

We've embraced change and moved the Society onwards and upwards. This review focuses on the key developments in the different areas of our work.

Dementia UK report

We published this groundbreaking report, the most comprehensive analysis of the present and future impact of dementia across the UK.

New services database

We rolled out our new services database, an invaluable tool for gathering data about the range, reach and quality of our services.

Extending our Services

We formally welcomed almost two-thirds of our branches into the new Services Directorate.

Dementia Catalogue online

We launched Dementia Catalogue, an online database enabling all of our staff and volunteers to access the information held in our extensive information archives.

New strategic framework

We launched our new strategic framework, which was developed through a process of extensive consultation and rigorous internal debate. The framework unifies the entire Society under a single powerful vision.

Leading the fight



'Alzheimer's Society is a unique voice for people with dementia and their carers. I am proud to be associated with the Society and privileged to be its Chairman.'

When I became Chairman in 2001, the Society was growing rapidly and already had a well-deserved reputation for being innovative and passionate about the welfare of those with dementia and their carers.

However, this rapid growth brought its own challenges. With growth had to come change if the Society was to be fully compliant with best practice, however difficult this might be, and the last year has seen many organisational changes as we have consolidated the One Society strategy.

I have been encouraged by members' willingness to embrace these changes and move the Society onwards and upwards. We depend on the enthusiasm and commitment of volunteers, particularly those who have worked in the Society for many years, often with a high degree of independence. My fellow Trustees and I are grateful for the hard work and commitment of all the staff and volunteers over the last year, often in challenging circumstances.

I have greatly enjoyed my six years as Chairman. It has been a privilege to work with so many inspirational, devoted and caring people.

I know that the Society will remain focused on its core values as it evolves and adapts to the changing environment. I know it will grow from strength to strength, helping ever more people, those living with dementia and their carers, to lead comfortable, dignified and fulfilling lives.

Michan Caren

Nicholas Carey Chairman



'Our calls for policy makers to recognise the rights of people with dementia and carers have received unprecedented levels of media coverage and public support.'

The last year has been a hugely significant one in the history of Alzheimer's Society. In the public domain we have seen escalating interest in dementia and increased recognition of the devastating impact it has on people's lives. Our calls for policy makers to recognise the rights of people with dementia and carers have received unprecedented levels of media coverage and public support. The issue of dementia is finally starting to get the attention it deserves.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, we've been hard at work planning for the future. We've been overhauling our infrastructure; designing the systems and tools we need to maximise our impact. In every area of the Society we have been exploring the ways we can use technology to increase efficiency, monitor our performance and measure the quality of our activities.

Our new strategic framework sets us challenging goals for the future. Since its launch in September 2006 we have been working to develop the tools we need to achieve them.

Neil Hunt Chief Executive

A determination to be heard

Hands Off Dementia Drugs

This is the Society's campaign to ensure that people with dementia can continue to benefit from life-enhancing drugs, despite the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) decision to restrict their use.

The campaign has resulted in NICE conceding that people in the moderate stages of Alzheimer's disease can continue to have access to treatment on the NHS.

Key milestones of the campaign

- Thousands of people with dementia, carers and clinicians wrote to NICE and MPs to explain the difference that treatment has made to them.
- More than 30 organisations, including charities and Royal Colleges, joined together to create the Action on Alzheimer's Drugs Alliance.
- A judicial review was launched against NICE the first against NICE and a first for the Society.

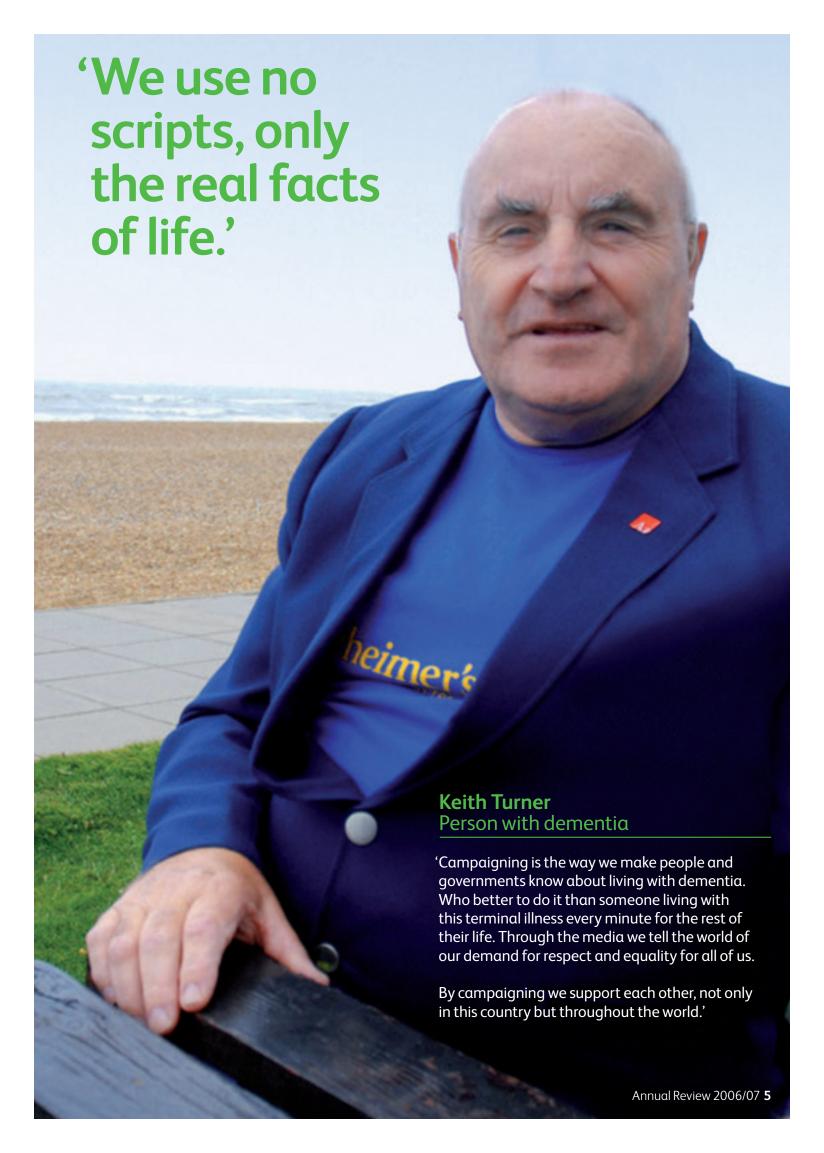
The Society's commitment to fight for the rights of people with dementia continues.

30 protests

Mass nationwide protests took place, including 30 local marches, bringing thousands of people together to call for action on dementia drugs.

£2.50

MPs were bombarded with cheques for £2.50 – the cost per day of dementia drugs.



Dementia UK: The full report

Alzheimer's Society commissioned the Dementia UK report in 2006 through King's College London and the London School of Economics.

It was published in February and launched at a conference in London attended by 200 opinion formers, including Treasury and Department of Health officials, key targets for the report.

This ground-breaking report establishes for the first time the financial cost of dementia to the UK and gives evidence of just how many people are affected by dementia in the UK and how numbers will increase in the future.*

The report has been significant in raising awareness of and identifying issues around dementia through the media it generated.

Coverage highlights

- It was the lead item on Radio 4's Today programme on the day the report was launched.
- The report led the Daily Mail to launch its fundraising campaign in support of the Hands Off Dementia Drugs Campaign.
- 83 print articles appeared on the day of the launch, with circulation totalling 18 million.
 The report was covered in the Guardian and the Observer, as well as 15 national newspapers.

 People with dementia, carers and the Society's high-profile supporters spoke out on television and in print.

The report has provided evidence to inform productive discussions with the Treasury and Department of Health on making dementia a higher political priority.

Vice-presidents, Patrons and Ambassadors programme

The Society launched the programme in March 2007. It brings together supporters who are prominent in business, politics, the arts, media and science who want to use their influence to support the Society's activities.

83 articles

The number that appeared on the launch day.

18 million

The number of people who had the opportunity to see the press coverage.

^{*} See inside back cover for key findings

Supporting people

The experience and views of people with dementia are invaluable in helping us to develop and evaluate our activities continually.

Our network of 260 branches supports people with dementia and those who care for them, providing over 1,300 services including information provision, day and home care, advocacy, befriending and carer support.

Highlights

- 2007 saw the national launch of innovative wallet-sized helpcards for people with dementia. Three types of helpcards were designed by people with dementia to support them and others to continue getting out and about in their daily lives. Each card is a tool that people with dementia can use to explain their condition to members of the public and professionals to communicate the type of support they may need.
- Alzheimer's Society Dementia Helpline dealt with over 20,000 enquiries, giving people information and support.
- 8,000 people successfully completed our 'Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow' certification scheme in dementia care learning and the UK's largest care provider, Southern Cross Healthcare, made the programme mandatory for all staff. New publications on the dementia care environment and reminiscence proved popular, with overall publications sales up 15% compared to the previous year.
- We started a collaborative project with Action on Elder Abuse (funded by Comic Relief) to provide information and training to health and social care staff.

Two of the many projects started this year

Reaching out in rural Sussex

The Society set up a partnership with Action in Rural Sussex – a charity that works to provide practical help in keeping small communities thriving in Sussex.

The joint initiative aims to develop ways to support people with dementia and their carers who live in isolated parts of the county. This outreach project is the first of its kind to be managed outside the Society's traditional branch structure.

Café on the menu in Coventry

The Coventry branch was one of the first to hold an Alzheimers café, and now more than 80 people attend each month.

It gives people with dementia and their carers a chance to meet, share their experiences and challenges and eat together without feeling the stigma of dementia.

'The café is like a fishing line. It lifts me out, and gives me hope.'





'Every race I run is for my Auntie Marie. **Richard McKenna Fundraiser** 'Marie Mulhearn was an inspirational woman; a school teacher who enabled children to enjoy learning; an aunt who inspired her nieces and nephews to do their best and a friend who always showed compassion and love. She had a zest for life and a quick intellect, which is why it was so devastating to see the grip that Alzheimer's disease took. I needed to take my mind off her illness and chose running as Marie always encouraged me to be fit. Seeing Marie get worse left me feeling powerless, but running gave me a way to actively help. I ran my first Flora London Marathon for Alzheimer's Society in 2006 and ran again in 2007. **10** Annual Review 2006/07

Fundraising for a better future

More people are supporting us

Fundraising income this year grew by £1.1million, an increase of 6%.

Every single penny is important to the Society. We can continue to help people with dementia only because of the money that our supporters give so generously.

For the year ahead

We will continue to build strong relationships with all our supporters, companies, charitable trusts and individuals. We want to understand our supporters so that we can inspire them to join the fight against dementia. Without them, we can do nothing.

Key achievements

- More than 55,500 individuals donated throughout the year, up 2.6% on last year.
- 14,000 people donated to the Society for the first time, an 8% increase on the previous year.
- Payroll giving increased by 15%.
- Almost 300 people remembered the Society in their wills. Gifts like these contributed £6.7million to the Society this year.
- We reached more than 12million people with our first direct response TV advertisement.
- Companies donating and fundraising on our behalf brought in £700,000.
- Marsh, our charity of the year partner, raised nearly £170,000.
- The staff of the Midlands Co-operative Society and Principality Building Society chose us as their charity of the year.
- 260 charitable trusts donated £1.3million.

£7million

260 branches raised more than £7million, through coffee mornings, street collections and much more.

£2million

3,600 brave volunteers raised an incredible £2million through sponsored events, from marathon running to trekking and jumping out of aeroplanes.

A legacy of hope

Andi Chambers lost her husband, Les, to vascular dementia in 2004.

Andi Chambers Legacy giver

'My husband's dementia began in 1990 after he suffered a stroke, and it worsened as he had more strokes over the course of the 1990s. At the time of his death, he weighed only six stone, and couldn't communicate with me, or even recognise me.

It was so cruel to see the disease take hold. He was such a strong, determined man, and tried so hard to rise above it. We lost many of our friends because Les didn't want them to see him in this way. He was so powerful and energetic, an absolute workaholic. He was a great communicator and very well respected at work; he was good at everything he undertook.

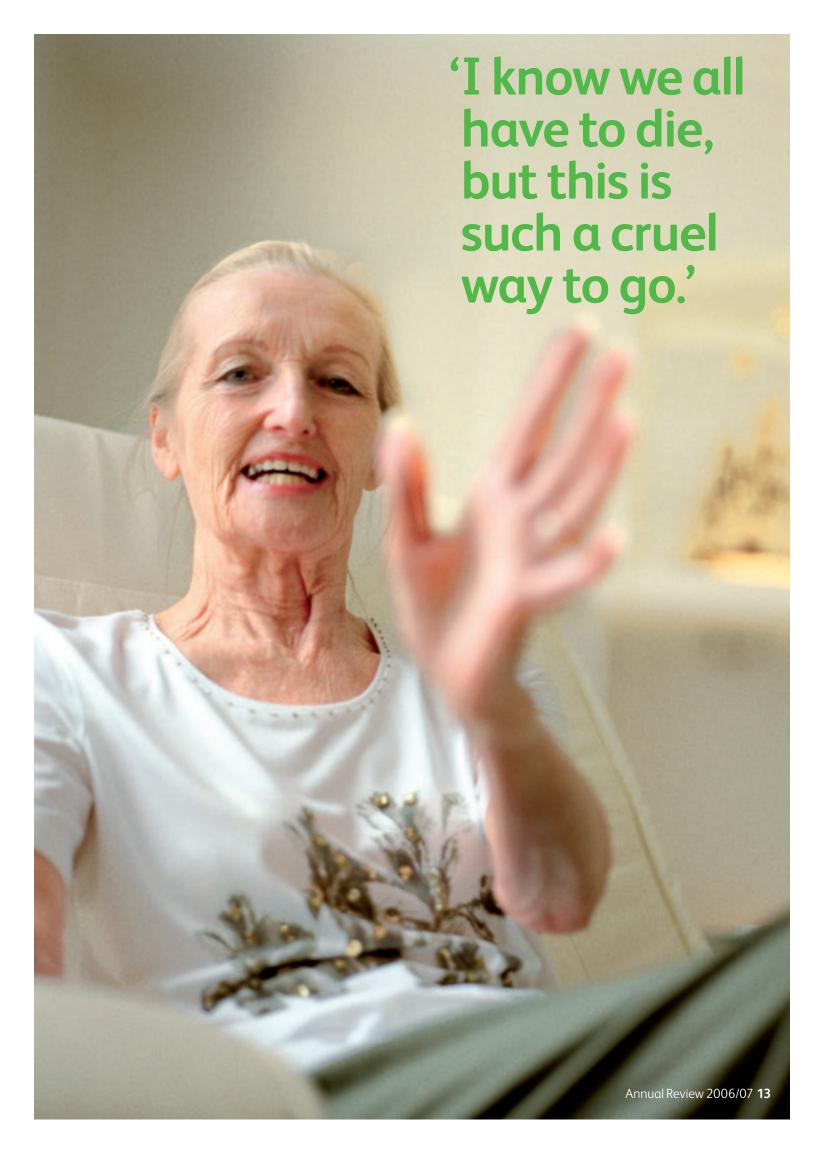
I know we all have to die, but this is such a cruel way to go. This was my motivation for leaving my estate to the Society. I stipulated I want it to go to research, because we have to try to find something so people don't have to suffer for so long. I know Les would have approved.'

297 people

The number of people who remembered us in their will.

£6.7million

The amount we received from supporters' bequests.





The search continues

We are working in partnership with researchers at the forefront of British and international science to find a cure for dementia. A total of six funded projects in the UK were completed last year, here are two of them.

Earlier detection of Alzheimer's disease by mapping metals in the brain

The ability to detect and map a range of metals in the brain could help detect Alzheimer's disease at an earlier stage by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) techniques.

Iron is present in two forms in healthy brains. The accumulation of iron in the brain is a feature of many neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's, but its role in the disease process is poorly understood.

Dr Joanna Collingwood of Keele University has been working in collaboration with researchers in the USA to develop a technique to show the accumulation of iron and the form in which it occurs in human tissue. This method may allow scientists to locate and identify metal accumulations, and use advanced combinations of imaging and microscopy techniques to further explore how metal ions relate to disease pathology.

Reducing the need for medication through training care staff

This project has shown that increased support of carers in nursing homes can reduce the use of neuroleptic drugs in dementia care.

About half of people with dementia in residential care are prescribed tranquillisers that are not licensed for their condition. Many of these medications are unnecessary, according to Professor Rob Howard and his team of researchers from a number of universities. Their study showed that increased training and support of the most junior staff in care homes reduced the prescription of neuroleptic drugs without increasing the incidence of challenging behaviour, improving quality of life for both staff and residents.

Actively involving people with dementia

Alzheimer's Society's Quality Research in Dementia (QRD) funding programme actively involves people with dementia and their carers in setting the research agenda, awarding grants and assessing outcomes to ensure that the research is relevant. We also ask specialists to evaluate the scientific content to ensure that the research is of the highest quality.

£1.8million

The Society made 11 new awards to research projects in 2006, totalling £1.8 million.

Society money

Income



1 Donations and fundraising: 39%

2 Legacies: 16%

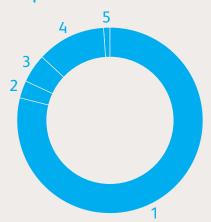
3 Investment income: 3%

4 Membership contributions: **2**%

5 Other income (including trading): 4%

6 Grants and contracts: 36%

Expenditure



1 Care services: 79%

2 Campaigning and awareness raising: 3%

3 Research: 5%
4 Fundraising: 12%
5 Governance: 1%

Income

Overall, total income grew by £3.8 million or 10% to £41.4 million (2006: £37.5 million). £1.9 million of this growth was in grants and contracts for services in branches, which rose to £15.0 million, or 36% of total income.

Subscriptions, donations and fundraising income also provided an important source of income to the Society. We raised £14.4million in the year (2006: £13.0million) thanks to the efforts of our volunteer and staff fundraisers both centrally and in branches, representing 35% of total income. Legacy income, at £6.7million, was broadly in line with 2006. The turnover from Alzheimer's Trading Limited rose again to £1.4million (2006: £1.1million). To help deliver these increases in income, the costs of fundraising also rose in the year, from £4.2million to £5.4million. As a result, net income for the year from all sources of income rose by 8%, making available £36.0million (2006: £33.3million) for the Society to spend on its charitable activities during 2006/07. During the year, donations totalling £34,795 were received from pharmaceutical companies. This included £10,000 to support a public awareness campaign 'Worried about your Memory?', £15,000 to fund a public helpline providing free information about memory loss to members of the public following episodes of Coronation Street where a character, Mike Baldwin, had been recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and a further £9,795 in one-off donations from staff fundraising events and donations to our local branches.

Expenditure

Total charitable expenditure rose by 18% to £37.6million (2006: £31.9million), of which 89% of this growth is reported in care services. This is a combination of a growth in care services provided by the branch network and the outcome of the One Society investments in the new Services Directorate and associated support functions.

Governance costs were 1% of total expenditure and include costs incurred in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in line with Charity Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

During the year, £1.8 million (2006: £1.3 million) was awarded by the Society to research projects into the cause or treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias through its QRD programme.

Summarised financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2007

	2007	2006 (As restated)
Income and expenditure	£'000	£'000
Unrestricted income		
Grants and contracts	10,974	8,811
Legacies	5,837	6,033
Donations and fundraising	15,537	5,806
Membership contributions Investment income	646 1,163	695 429
Other income (including trading)	1,103	1,074
Total unrestricted income	35,636	22,848
Total unlestricted income	33,030	22,040
Restricted income		
Grants and contracts	4,052	4,309
Legacies	845	927
Donations and fundraising	799	8,781
Investment income	20	599
Other income	-	56
Total restricted income	5,716	14,672
Total income	41,352	37,520
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Expenditure	22.057	20.702
Care services	33,857 1,204	28,793
Campaigning and awareness raising Research	2,093	906 1,775
Fundraising	5,373	4,225
Governance	441	415
Total expenditure	42,968	36,114
Balance sheet		
Fixed assets	6,855	6,370
Current assets	21,887	22,701
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	(4,657)	
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year	(1,201)	(1,719)
Net assets	22,884	24,348
Reserves		
Restricted	3,789	17,118
Unrestricted	19,095	7,230
Total reserves to support expenditure	22,884	24,348
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^{*} If you would like a full set of financial statements, please call or write to: The Company Secretary, Alzheimer's Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH Tel: 020 7306 0606 Fax: 020 7306 0808

Reporting on summarised financial statements

The information on this page is extracted from the full Trustees' report and financial statements, which have been audited by Horwath Clark Whitehill who gave an unqualified audit opinion on 16 August 2007. The auditors have confirmed to the Trustees that the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2007. The Trustees' report and financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 14 August 2007. They will subsequently be submitted to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies.

These summarised financial statements may not contain sufficient information to gain a complete understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. The full Trustees' report, audit report and financial statements may be obtained from the Company Secretary.*

Micha Carey

NAD Carey Chairman

VC Watton Treasurer

Society people

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HRH Princess Alexandra GCVO

President Emeritus

Sir Jonathan Miller CBE

Board of Trustees

Persons who served during the year to 31 March 2007

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Dr Nicholas Carey FCGI ** Appointed September 2001

Vice Chairman Irene Kerr Resigned 15 September 2006

Eileen Winston***
Elected 15 September 2006

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Charles Watton **
Appointed 13 December 2005

Board members

Richard Crace *
Elected 18 September 2004

John Finnigan Resigned 15 September 2006

Wendy Jones Elected 15 September 2006

Peter Laycock Re-elected 15 September 2006

Marilynne Morgan CB* Re-elected 15 September 2006

Dr Carolyn PophamElected 18 September 2004

David Richardson # Elected 15 September 2006

Stephanie Sandell # Resigned 15 September 2006

Annette Southcott Elected 15 September 2006

Dr Daphne WallaceResigned 15 September 2006

Chief Executive

Neil Hunt

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For year to 31 March 2007

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Company registration number 2115499

Constitution

Alzheimer's Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated as the Alzheimer's Disease Society on 26 March 1987 and registered as a charity in November 1979. On 1 October 1999 the charity changed its name to Alzheimer's Society.

The Society is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Revisions to the Memorandum and new Articles of Association were adopted by special resolution at an extraordinary general meeting on 19 March 2005.

- *Audit Committee members
- * Nominations Committee members
- ⁺ Remuneration Committee members

All Trustees are elected by the Society's membership in accordance with the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

A big thank you

We are very grateful for every donation that we receive, however, owing to space limitations, we are unable to list all of our supporters here.

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The William Scott Foundation

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The Avenal CT

The Lady Hind Trust



Key findings of the Dementia UK report

£17billion

Dementia costs the UK £17billion each year, this equates to £46.6million per day, £539 per second.

1 million

In less than 20 years over one million people will be living with dementia. This will soar to 1.7million people by 2050.

64%

Sixty-four per cent of people with late onset dementia are living at home.

Over 65s

In the over 65s 10% of men and 15% of women die from dementia

700,000

Currently 700,000 people in the UK have dementia.

£6billion

Individuals caring for people with dementia save the public purse more than £6billion per year.

30,000 lives

Delaying the onset of dementia by five years would cut by half the number of deaths attributable to dementia, saving 30,000 lives a year.

Disability

Dementia is one of the main causes of disability later in life, ahead of some forms of cancer, cardiovascular disease and stroke; yet as a country we spend less on dementia research than on these other conditions.

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