



Public Health
England

Dementia in England

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The health and care system in England

National Health Service (NHS)

World's largest publicly funded health service (and 4th biggest employer in the world). Current budget of ca £110bn (\$177.5bn). Funded through taxation and provided free at the point of use.

Public health

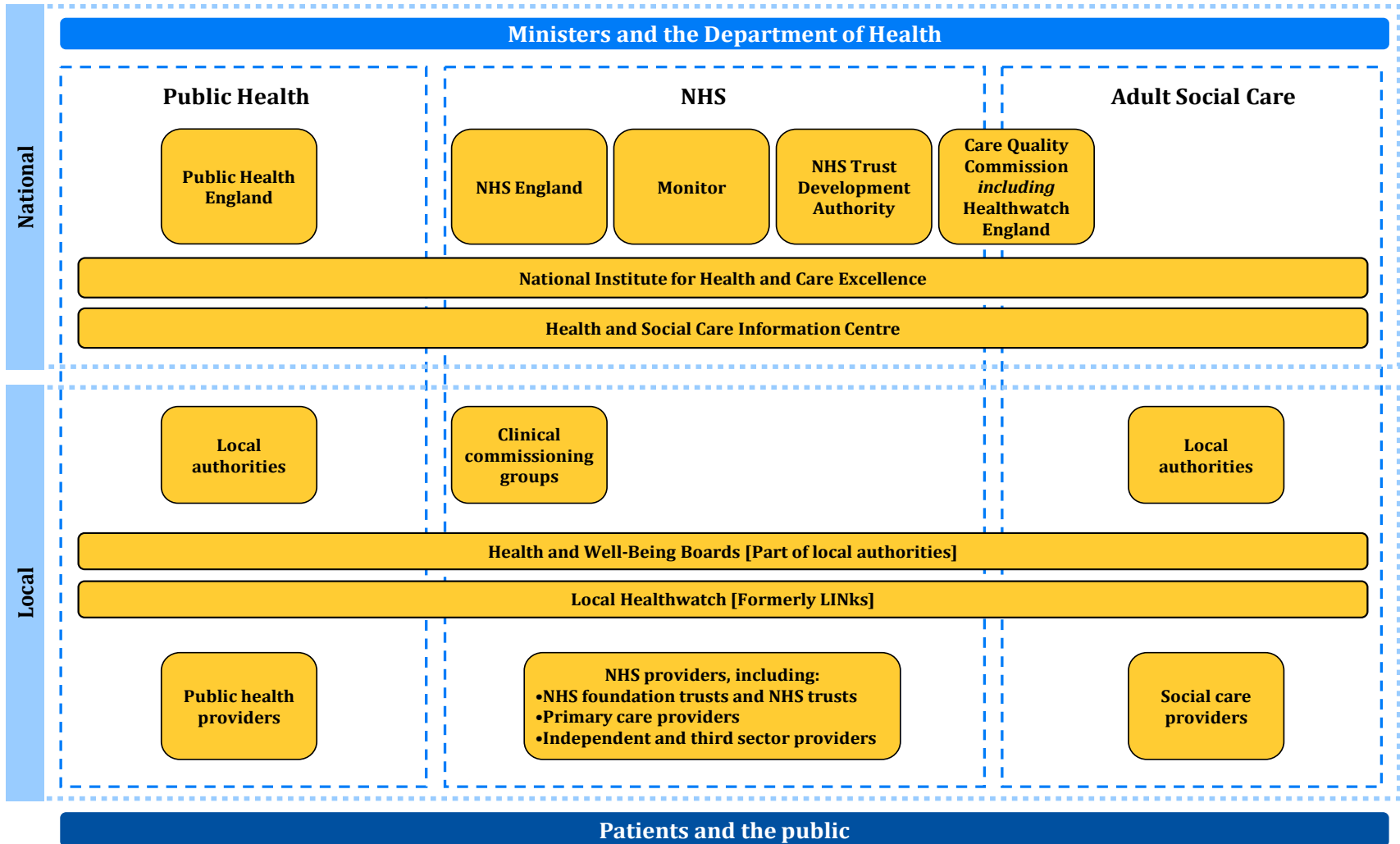
System of national, regional and local organisations, including Public Health England, the NHS and local government, with responsibilities for protecting, promoting and improving the health and wellbeing of the population and reducing health inequalities

Adult social care

Care and support in addition to healthcare e.g. to help older people or people with disabilities to live their lives. Unlike healthcare, social care is means-tested. Local government is responsible for ensuring social care is commissioned and provided for those who qualify as eligible in their area and that those who are not eligible for free care have the information they need to buy their own care.



Overview of the system

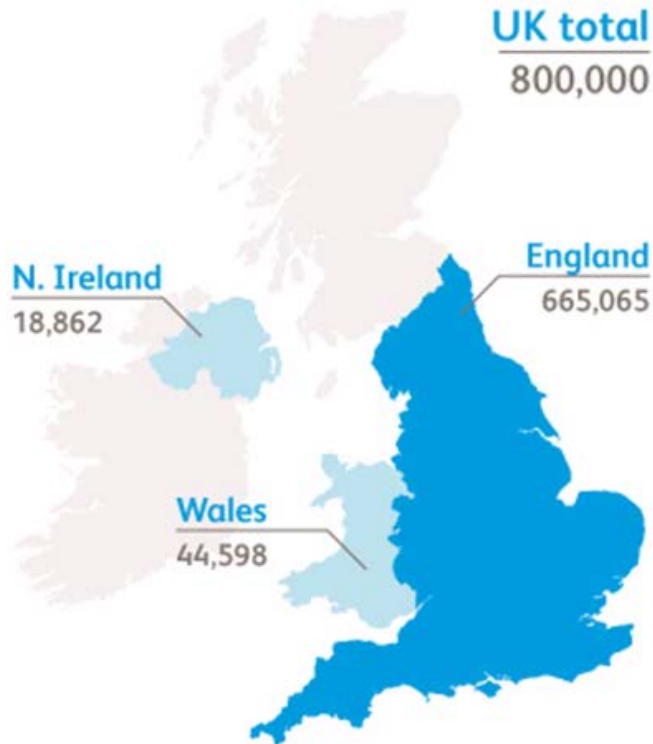




The dementia challenge

The size of the challenge

The breakdown of the population with dementia across the UK.



- Currently more than 800,000 people with dementia in the UK – projected to increase to over 1m by 2021 and over 2m by 2051
- Overall economic impact estimated to be £26 billion a year (ca. \$42 billion)
- Four-fifths of people over 50 fear they will develop dementia
- Prime Minister recognised “One of the greatest challenges of our time” and created the Dementia Challenge. In December 2013 the UK made the fight global by hosting the first G7 summit



Areas of focus: risk reduction and early identification

Risk reduction

- **Blackfriars Consensus:** ground-breaking agreement that concerted action is needed to reduce dementia risk
- A **key priority for Public Health England**. We want to “transform a generation’s risk of dementia”

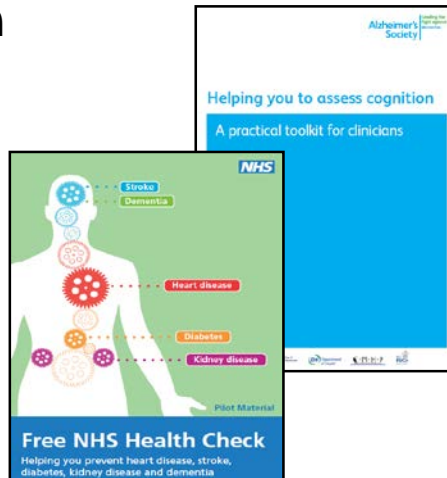
Dementia risk reduction work programme covers:

- Public understanding and personalised tools
- Support for people at higher risk
- Professional understanding and action
- Evidence and research

Early identification

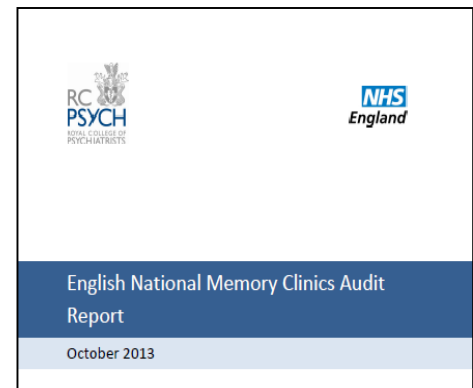
Primary Care

- Innovation in detection of dementia in primary care
- NHS Health Check
- Case finding in primary care for at risk groups



Memory Clinics

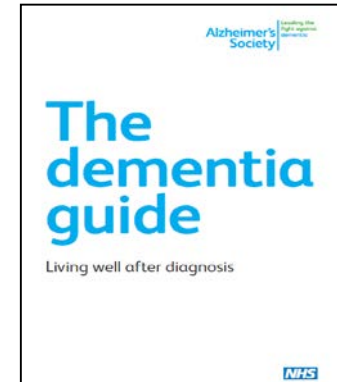
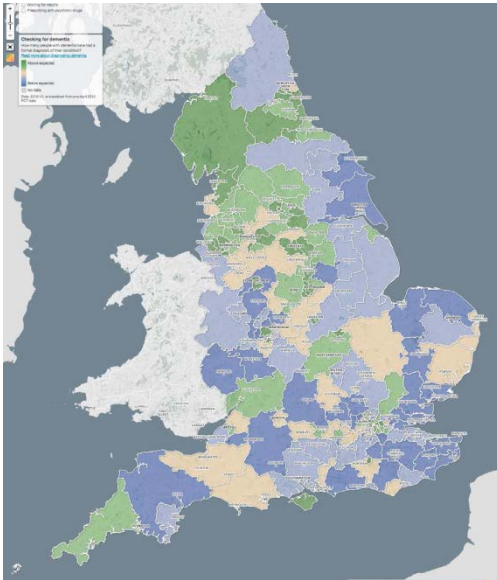
- National Network
- Four-fold increase in activity in two years; half of people seen in early stages
- 75% of clinics asking about research





Diagnosis and post-diagnostic support

- On average, in England, **53%** of people with dementia receive a diagnosis
- **Significant variation** across the country in diagnosis rates and post-diagnostic care
- **National ambition:** by March 2015 two thirds of people with dementia should receive a diagnosis and appropriate post-diagnostic support
- We want everyone to get a **timely assessment**. People with suspected dementia are referred to and assessed by a memory clinic within an average of six weeks in $\frac{3}{4}$ of England. We are working with the areas with the longest waits..



- **Improving post-diagnostic support** is a key part of the Dementia Challenge, e.g. by
 - improving access to dementia advisors
 - investing in better care environments
 - reducing use of anti-psychotics
 - building staff understanding
 - integrating care better



Society and communities

- **Dementia Friends Campaign:** more than 500,000 Friends so far
- **Dementia Friendly Communities** and **Dementia Action Alliances** to help support people living with dementia and enable them to be active in their communities



Equity

- Developing **briefings** to help commissioners address the equality issues associated with dementia services.

1. Impact of different characteristics on dementia

2. How to build a local data profile

3. Simple local actions that make a difference

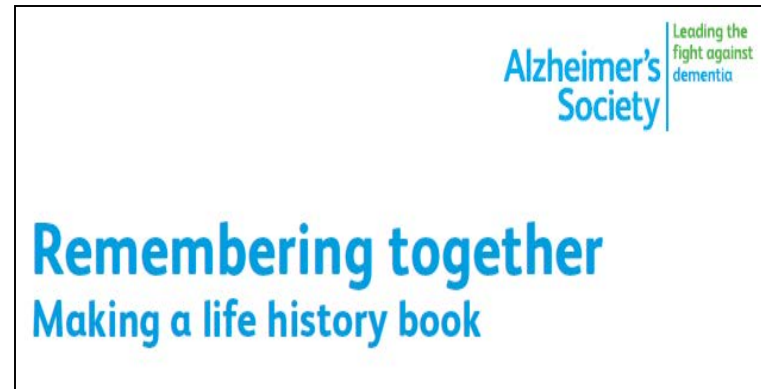
4. Case studies of good practice

5. Library of links, resources etc



Support for carers

- **Quality of post diagnostic support** is key e.g. life story work
- Evaluation of dementia advisers published in 2013
- “**The Dementia Guide**” - over 100,000 copies distributed



Knowledge and intelligence

- **Dementia Intelligence Network** to provide authoritative intelligence, research and evidenced best practice for commissioners, local decision makers and other health professionals

