

Younger People with Dementia (YPWD)

Purpose: YWPD operates across Berkshire supporting people diagnosed with young onset dementia and their carers - helping them to live well after diagnosis.

Dementia is 'young onset' when it affects people of working age, usually between 30 and 65 years old. The Charity operates out of its hub in Wokingham and provides activities and 1:1's with people diagnosed with early onset of dementia and support for their Carers.

What we achieve, our impact: There is evidence to suggest that interventions via YPWD can delay or reduce mental health hospital admissions. A lack of antipsychotic prescribing supports the Charity's claim that their interventions reduces the health and social care burden.

Challenges and Ambitions for 2023/24: Build capacity and ownership of young onset dementia services within, and between, organisations and to provide specialist or shared care, rather than care from a GP alone.

Referral process, criteria: Referrals are accepted for Individuals diagnosed with dementia under the age of 65.

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