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HEALTHBRIDGE

The National Dementia Strategy places a particular emphasis on promoting quality of life or wellbeing of people with dementia and their carers. However, there is very little evidence gathered together for the activities currently being offered to people with dementia and their carers.

Commissioned by the Department of Health **Healthbridge** is the national evaluation of two parts of the National Dementia Strategy relating to 40 dementia advisers and peer support network demonstration sites which were set up in 2010 and which were piloted throughout England in 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Led by Northumbria University, the **Healthbridge** team have been brought together from Newcastle University, Edinburgh University and Glamorgan University.

The aim of the evaluation is to describe the range of pilot services within these demonstration sites. This will involve the assessment of these new services in relation to:

- A description of the range of dementia adviser and peer support network pilot services
- An assessment of the new services models
- The identification of ways in which the new services models contribute to the wellbeing and resilience of people with dementia and carers

The evaluation is being undertaken in two phases. Phase 1 is organised around monthly minimum data set submissions by each site and national collaborative workshops. Phase 2 is being carried out by detailed case study analysis.

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