

Overview of Dementia Services in ANGUSalive

Partners

Alheimers Scotland (Angus)
Angus Health and Social Care team
Angus Post Diagnostic Dementia Practitioners
Kirrie Connections
Amanda Kopel

The Need

- Dementia high on the media radar with 93,000 people diagnosed in Scotland in 2017 – and increasing annually
- Research shows people with dementia gradually lose the ability to hold meaningful conversations
- Need to build on existing successful “Take Control” and Chronic Pain services
- Clear focus on a project to lend items to assist people with Dementia to have a focus for conversation or retelling of recollections to keep them connected to family and carers



Achievements and Outcomes

Achievements

- The establishment of a collection of 148 up-to-date books in our libraries; 13 bags containing visual items and 22 boxes containing tactile and sensory items
- Since the official launch March 2017, the books have issued 185 times and 35 boxes and bags have achieved 151 loans
- 70 ANGUSalive staff have attended Dementia Friends awareness sessions to date

Outcomes

- Strong partnerships made with Alzheimer's Scotland, Angus Health and Social Care team, the Angus Post Dementia Diagnostic Team, Kirrie Connections, Amanda Kopel
- Relevance of Library services has increased to care homes, day centres etc
- People with Dementia are now reconnecting with Library services
- People living with Dementia now involved in Library groups in our buildings

Embedding and Spreading

Experience shows

- Testing at Dementia Cafés gave confidence in the suitability of the items and service
- Definite need for service based on statistics, feedback and requests for more topics and more boxes
- Some items from specialist Dementia sites expensive but people often willing to donate suitable items and boxes can be filled in-house
- Promotion of Dementia services raises the library profile as a whole
- Staff gained confidence from Dementia Friends Awareness sessions delivered by partners

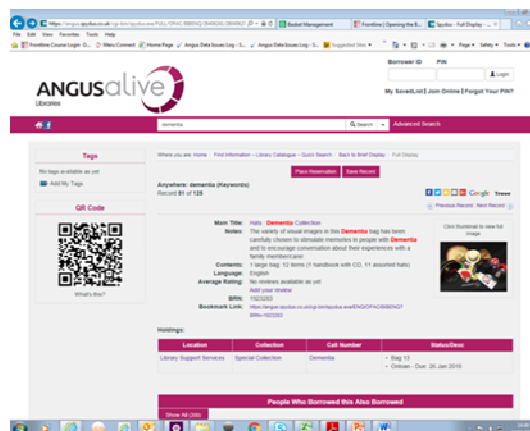
Further developments

- ANGUSalve service points now being made more Dementia friendly as part of our current refurbishment programme
- More boxes and bags being planned
- More Dementia Friends Awareness sessions planned

Finding out more

<https://angus.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/HOME>

Dementia Collection



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