# Admiral Nursing within an Acute Hospital Setting









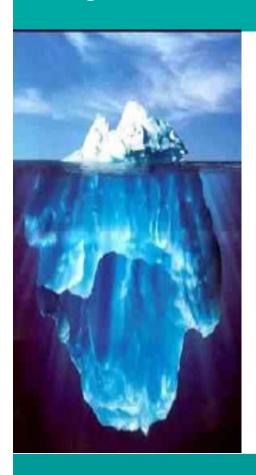
# Support for Caregivers, Friends and Family

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#### Background





- There are currently approximately 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK and experts believe almost a quarter of them who have early onset of the disease are first identified in hospital A&E departments.
- 25 million of us in the UK population have a close friend or family member with dementia.

Impacts on both the Person living with Dementia & their loved ones

### Why Admiral Nursing?



- Listening to the views of Family carers and the local community.
- Establishing a meaningful, supportive and enabling service.
- Recognising the need for the provision of a holistic approach to enhance well being and knowledge of patients living with Dementia, their loved ones and staff.....In an acute hospital setting.
- A new and innovative approach



# Vision and purpose for the Service



- Bridging
- Partnership
- Enabling
- Flexible
- Developing Opportunities to enhance health and well being



# Making a Real Difference..... Developing Opportunities to Improve Well Being



- Forget me Not programme
- Forever Friendship Café
- Story box
- Twiddle muffs
- Dementia Champions
- Local support for John's Campaign
- Carer passports
- Dining Companions
- Working Collaboratively with Other Services and Organisations.



#### **Key Benefits**



- Preventative role
- Positive experience for patients and carers
- Positive experience for staff, who feel supported and informed
- Development of patient/ carer experience initiatives
- Tailored support and advice
- Promoting a positive self-image
- Non-pharmacological interventions
- Seamless and inclusive approach to support on discharge
- Carers have had lots of ideas on how the service could be developed



#### Next steps.....



- Further embed the "Living well with Dementia" approach in the Acute hospital setting
- Continue to work to improve awareness and reduce stigma
- Work towards ensuring that the voice of people with dementia and their loved ones are heard when coming into Acute Hospital Environments
- Embed the collaborative approach within the local community
- Further research opportunities and service evaluation.



## And Finally.....



In view of the lack of Admiral Nurses in the Acute sector, this development underpins the vision for an integrated approach to healthcare delivery, by bridging the gap and linking Acute hospital care provision with the continuity of care in the Primary care setting for patients living with dementia and their carers



Dementia is Everybody's Business.



