

Derbyshire Dementia Support Service



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Newsletter - January 2021

Service update

Share your views about life during the pandemic

Last year was challenging for everyone, but especially for those affected by dementia.

To help us understand the ongoing impact of the pandemic, we are asking people to share their views on what life has been like during lockdown and shielding.

The survey is open to anyone living in Derbyshire, but we particularly want to hear from people with a dementia diagnosis and those who are worried about their memory. We would also like carers, family members and friends to get involved.

Survey: Supporting People with Dementia Through the Pandemic

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Derbyshire_2021

The responses will help to inform our understanding of the impact of the pandemic on people in Derbyshire and help us shape future services.

The survey closes on Sunday, 14 February. For further information please email contact the team on 01332 208845 or email local@alzheimers.org.uk.

If you have dementia and/or care for someone with dementia, please Join our Online Groups



Singing for the Brain group:

Every Monday from 11.30am to 12.45pm.

Memory Cafés: Weekly on the following days:

**Monday 2.45pm to 4.15pm, Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am,
Wednesday 9.45am to 11.00am.**

phone us for joining instructions: 01332 208845



Derbyshire Dementia Support Service Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Support we've provided to people living with dementia and carers - 1st to the 31st December



131

New referrals / self referrals requesting support (includes people living with dementia and carers)



478

People supported via regular welfare calls

71



Companion calls made by our volunteers

Attendance at online groups



Singing for the brain - 11
Memory cafés - 36



31

People signposted on to partner agencies

96



Referrals received from partner agencies

More News

The latest Dementia together magazine is now online.

Please see [alzheimers.org.uk/magazine](https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/magazine)

For all our online articles, as well as a PDF of the whole issue, you can also take a look at our [email edition](#)

More News & Service User Feedback in January

Working for us: The Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading dementia charity. We provide information and support, improve care, fund research, and create lasting change for people affected by dementia.



Current Job Opportunities:

There are 3 Dementia Support Worker posts being advertised

2 x 35hr and one 21hr post to cover maternity leave

The areas we are broadly looking to cover will include High Peak, Chesterfield and South Derbyshire . Please see the post details by clicking the link below

The posts are live from 21st January up to midday on the 4th February 2021

<https://jobs.alzheimers.org.uk/i/careers/search/new>.

We have a 24hr national helpline **0300 222 11 22**

People can also access online support through our Peer Support Forum **Talking Point**

Below is this months recent feedback received from our Service Users

"Again, it made us aware that there were services out there who cared about us and who could be there for a chat or advice if we needed it"

"She gave me the confidence to carry on with it all and fight for what was right. I now have my life back".

"This service has helped relieve stress and anxiety which has helped me cope and manage my day to day life as well as care for my Mother"

"DSW provided me with enough information, coping mechanisms so I feel more confident".

"I found this service very helpful and Lisa was perfect"

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