

# Introduction

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# Facts and Figures

- There are 800,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to one million by 2025.
- There are an estimated 42,000 people living with dementia across Wales.
- There are an estimated 7086\* people with dementia within Gwent, many of whom live at home without any services. This figure is estimated to rise to 7696\* by 2015
- Dementia affects people of all ages and it is estimated that are least 152\* people under the age of 65 years in Gwent.

\*Figures provided by Daffodil Cymru

# What is Dementia

- Occurs when brain is damaged by certain diseases
- Over 200 different conditions that can cause dementia
- Most common is Alzheimer's Disease
- Is progressive
- Is unique for each person

# Types of Dementia

Alzheimer's Disease – the chemistry and structure of the brain changes – leading to the death of brain cells.

Vascular Dementia – caused by furred or blocked arteries to the brain/TIA's or stroke.

Fronto-temporal dementia (Including Pick's Disease) rarer form. Effects younger people.

Dementia with Lewy Bodies – protein deposit in the brain which interrupts normal functioning.

# Services and Activities

## National Services

National Dementia Helpline 0300 222 1122.

Website

Factsheets

Online support and discussion forum [Talking Point](#)

Dementia Catalogue

Training

# Services and Activities

## Local Services

Service Users Review Panel

Dementia Support service

Community Support service(formerly known as  
Befriending)

Activity groups includes craft choir and art

Singing for the brain

Dementia Cafe

Carer support

Social groups (YPwD)

User forum

Advocacy

# Supporting people to live well

## - Our work with Seren

The story so far.....



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# Timeline

**2010 & 2011** - Younger People with Dementia forum held.

**2012** - Seren and ABHB members met, a service for YPwD was discussed.

**October 2012** – Alzheimer’s Society, Seren and ABHB met:

- Suggested that members of the YPwD forum gave their view
- A second meeting was arranged with forum members

**2013** – Review Panel meetings held and planning permission granted for Cwmgelli.



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# The Built Environment



Andrew Wilson Partnership  
& KWL architects

RNIB

Academic Partners



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# Main Features

- 22 rooms
- Family accommodation for visitors stays
- Spacious lounges in an airy, open plan setting
- Café area leading to garden and pavilion
- Pavilion in garden for social events
- Spa for relaxation
- Alzheimer's Society Office & Aneurin Bevan Health Board Office
- Clinic Room
- Roof terrace to first floor



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# Collaborative Approach

## Neighbour's Event

Consulted neighbours in the locality  
Shared the proposed plans  
Asked for their feedback

## Partner's Event

Invited local authorities and local health board  
Shared the proposed plans  
Asked for their feedback

## Project Group Meetings

With ABHB, Alzheimer's Society and Seren Group

## Review Panel Meetings

'A simple and safe environment is what people with dementia want, they want to make it *their* home and put *their* stamp on it'



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# The Current Position

Planning approval received 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Building contractor appointed.

Demolition works to take place in December.

Building work is scheduled to take circa 12 months.

Scheme completion anticipated January 2015.

‘Seren sleepover’ to test the building!



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# Thank You

We are happy to answer any questions.



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