Dorset Care Homes Dementia Project

- The Aims of the Project
- Learning from the Experiences of People Living with Dementia their Families and Carers
“61% of people with dementia believe that their community has little or no understanding of how to help them live well” (Dementia Friends)
Moving Forward

- Early Identification of Dementia and signposting to support in Primary care – Using Dementia Champions Network

- Improvements in monitoring of dementia care quality in care homes

- Commissioning of dementia training in Dorset

- Equitable access to crisis support services for all care providers

- Support to primary care and care providers in meeting the requirements of the Mental Health Act to deliver Advance Care Planning and End of Life Care
“70% of the people with dementia who live in care homes have ‘severe’ dementia and may display significant clinical and psychiatric symptoms. However, it is estimated that only 10% of their symptoms are caused by the dementia and 90% are caused by the way they are cared for and the environment in which they live”.

(Margallo-Lana et al 2001)