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Return Discussions Collaboration in Edinburgh 2021









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Out of doors mobility is an important part of living well with (Bantry White & dementia Montgomery, 2015).

Poor topographical memory leads to poor navigation and increased risk of getting lost (McShane et al., 1998). Therefore, people living with dementia are **at risk of** becoming lost even in familiar environments (Rowe & Bennett, 2003).



Despite their elevated risk, the majority of people with dementia who go missing are found safe and well. Concern about missing leads to preventative measures.



High complex cases have a **high** mortality and morbidity rate, place a high burden on police and search teams, and results in immense stress for families and individuals themselves.



In Scotland, 2% (538) of investigations involved someone with dementia (Police Scotland, Missing Persons Annual Report 2017/2018).



The individual may or may not feel like they are lost.









From 1 March 2020 to 1 March 2021 in SCOTLAND

Total number of people missing with a diagnosis of Dementia - 488

Female 150/ Male 338

Living at home - 306

Average amount of time missing - 7.72 hours

Average age is 67.2 years

Source: Police Scotland National Missing Persons Unit Database









Adults who go missing

People, including those with dementia, can and do go missing from communities across Scotland. Work in local authority areas to respond to this issue vary depending on the local circumstances, but all agencies engaged focus on locating those who have gone missing. The response to a missing person is determined by the available information – or in some cases the lack of information. There are particular groups who may be at higher risk of going missing, including children and young people in care and adults with dementia.

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Police Scotland have developed and piloted protocols, with partners, for three highrisk groups, including adults who go missing from care homes in Scotland. The pilots began in 2015 in three Police Scotland divisions with the aims of safeguarding and preventing people at risk of going missing, and of activating the appropriate response when they do go missing to ensure they are found safe and well.

COMMITMENT 16: We will consider the upcoming recommendations of Police Scotland Missing Persons report for the dementia client group.

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NATIONAL MISSING PERSONS FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND

Commitment 8: Government to ensure that risks of harm are highlighted in all relevant training and guidance.

There is already a wide range of existing relevant guidance and training for professionals, at both a national and local level. Recent national strategies and guidance (for example, Scotland's Dementia Strategy 2017-20; and the National Guidance for Child Protection have made the relevant links to going missing. Through this Framework, the Scotlish Government will ensure that, where relevant, missing people are accounted for in future national strategies and approaches.

The Scottish Government will ensure that awareness raising about the risks of going missing is included in relevant national guidance.

























KEEP PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA SAFE & FOUND

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 Create Profile for a Person with Dementia 2. Phone 999, then raise a Purple Alert 3. The Community within 20 miles radius gets notified

4. After the missing incident, organise a Return Discussion









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Alert

Looking out for you



*Latest statistics 06/04/2021





















Return Discussions

Comfort and reassure carer and Person Living With Dementia

Debrief

Advise on preventing other missing episodes











Families affected by dementia

Safe Walking



Dementia Advisors/ Alzheimer Scotland Services





National Missing Person Database















New Features Development and Research Study

Measuring impact of Return Discussions:

Repeat incidents Use of Purple Alert and Herbert Protocol Quantitative and Qualitative data









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