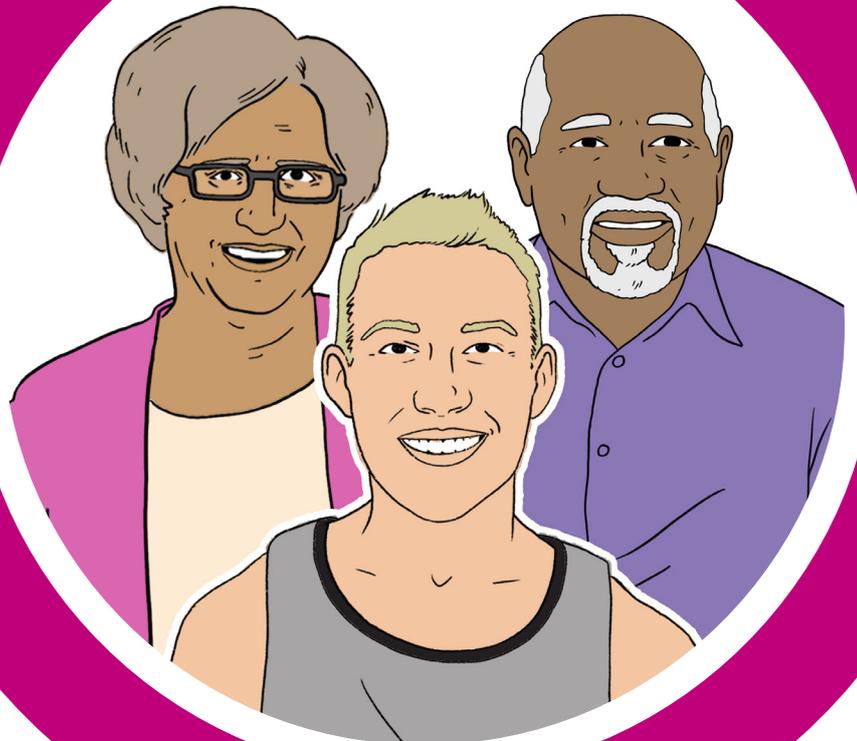


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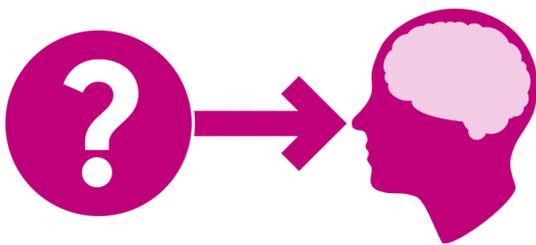
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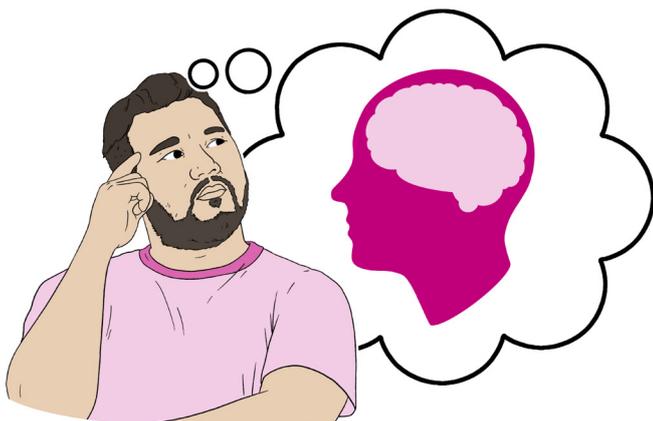
**Dementia** is an illness that causes a person's memory, thinking and decision making to not work properly.



Around 1 million people are living with dementia in the UK today.



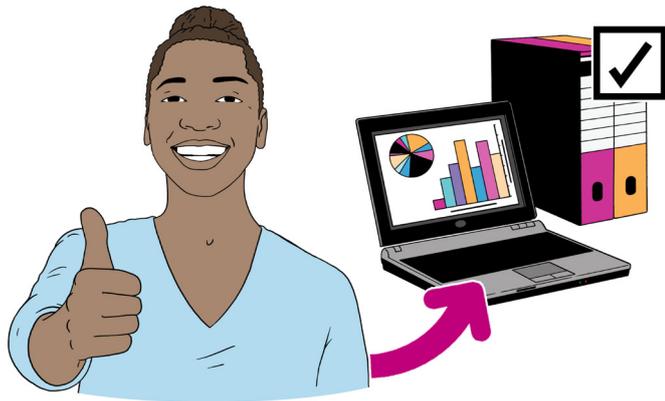
We do not know why some people get dementia, or how to stop it from happening.



There are still a lot of questions about how to find out someone has dementia, and how to treat and care for someone with dementia.

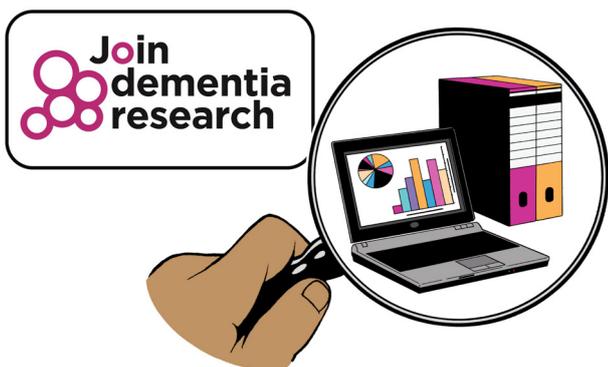


Research can help us find the answers to these questions.



This research needs people like you to take part and help us find more answers.

## How can I take part in dementia research studies?

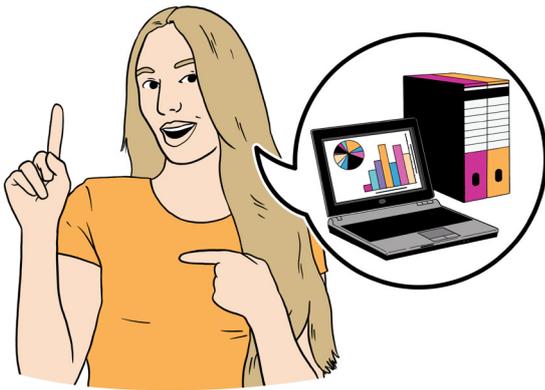


To show you are interested in taking part, sign up to Join Dementia Research.



You can do this online, by phone or by post. See page 8 for details.

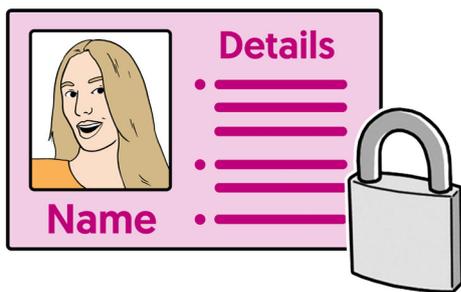
# What is Join Dementia Research?



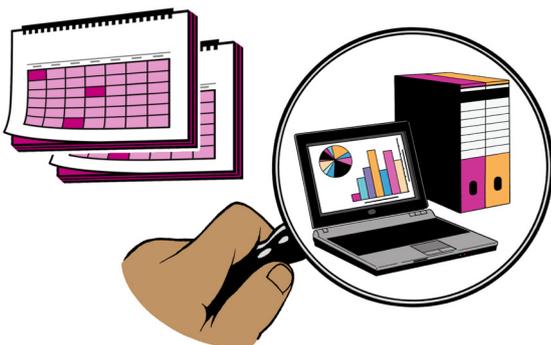
Join Dementia Research is a service that lets people show they are interested in national dementia research.



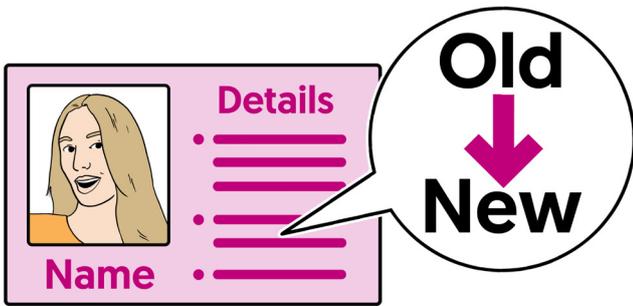
It helps people over the age of 18 to take part in research studies. This includes people with dementia and people who support them.



Once you have registered, your details will be stored and kept safe.

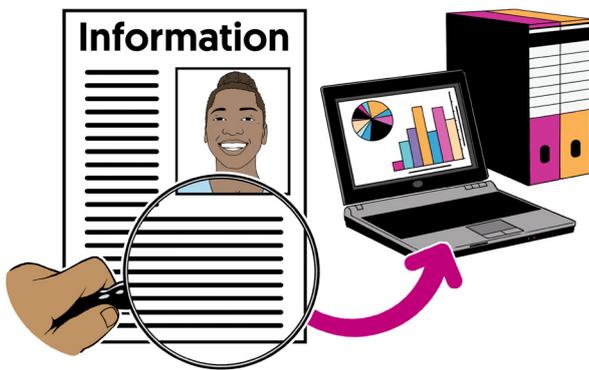


We will regularly check to see if there is a research study that you can take part in.

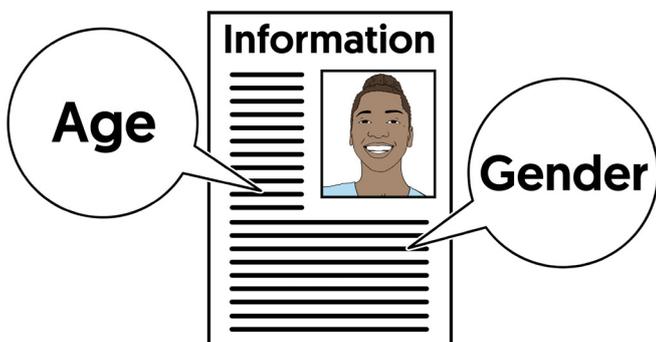


You can update your details at any time.

## What sort of research could I take part in?



Join Dementia Research matches people to the right research studies by using the information you give to us.



For example, we may look at your age and gender if there is a research study that needs women under the age of 45.

The type of research study could be:

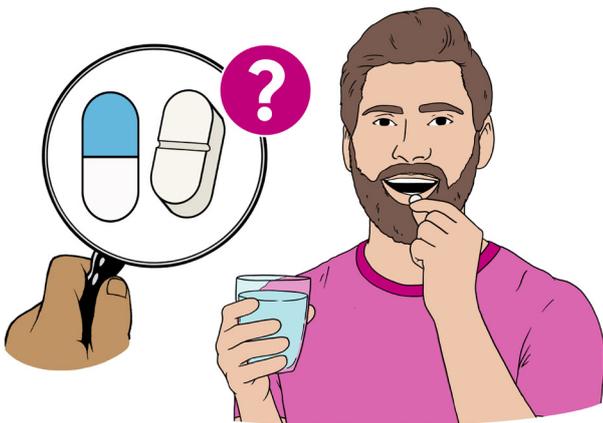
- **Focus groups**  
This is a group of people who meet to talk about something important, and share ideas and opinions.





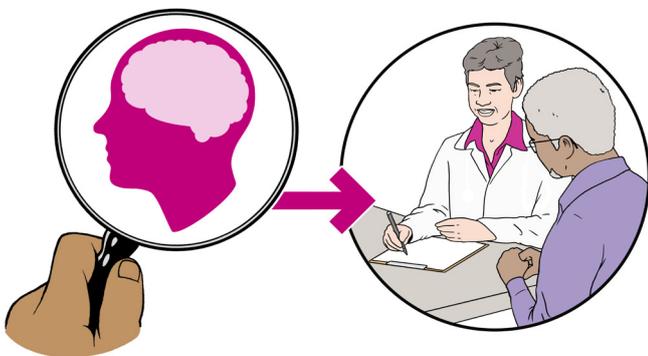
- **Online surveys**

Questions and surveys you can answer using your smart phone, tablet or computer.



- **Clinical trials of new treatments**

This means testing new treatments or medicines.

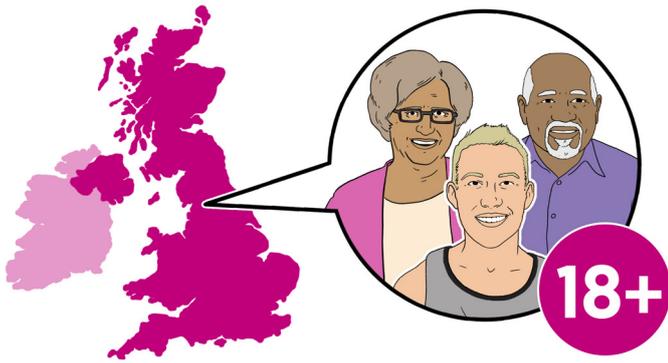


Dementia research aims to help us learn more about the different types of dementia so that we can improve treatment and care for people with dementia.



We could also improve how we find out someone has dementia.

# Who can register with Join Dementia Research?



Anyone in the UK, over 18 with or without dementia can join us.

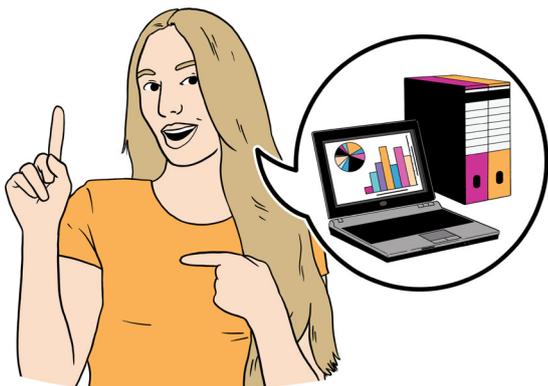


You can also register with a **representative**. This is someone you trust who can help you to take part.

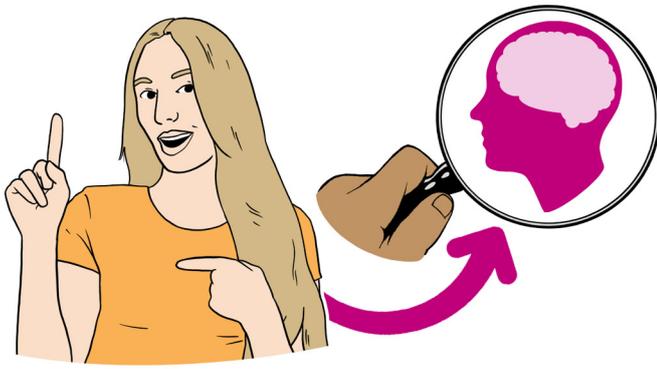
# How will registering help me?



Join Dementia Research will help you to find out what research studies you can take part in.



It is an easy way to let researchers know that you would like to take part in a study.

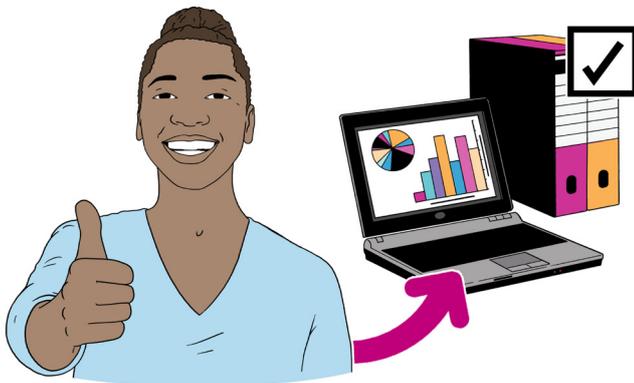


If you take part in a study, you will help us understand more about dementia and its causes. This could improve treatment and care for people with dementia.

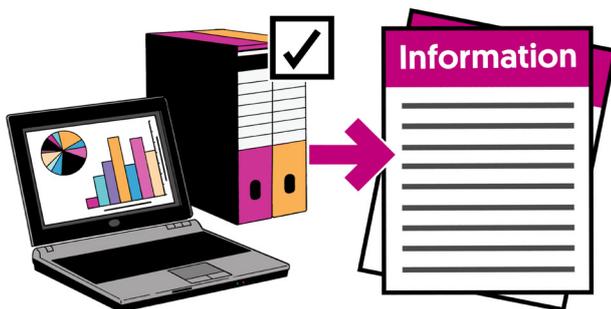
## If I register do I have to take part?



It is your choice to take part in a research study or not.



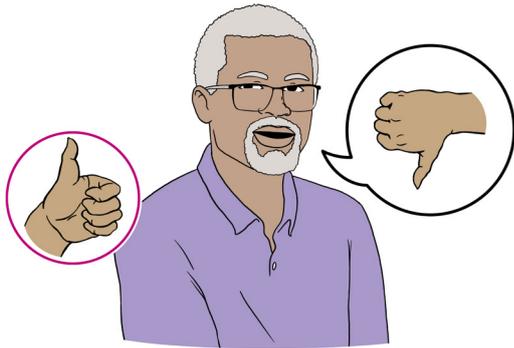
Once you have registered, you will be matched to studies that are right for you. This may not happen straight away.



If you are matched to a study you can find information about it on your account. This can help you decide if you would like to take part in it or not.



You will be able to ask the researchers as many questions as you like before deciding if you want to take part or not.



It is ok if you decide not to take part. It will not affect your care or your chances of being chosen for future research.

## How to register

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You can register online at:  
[joindementiaresearch.nihr.ac.uk](http://joindementiaresearch.nihr.ac.uk)



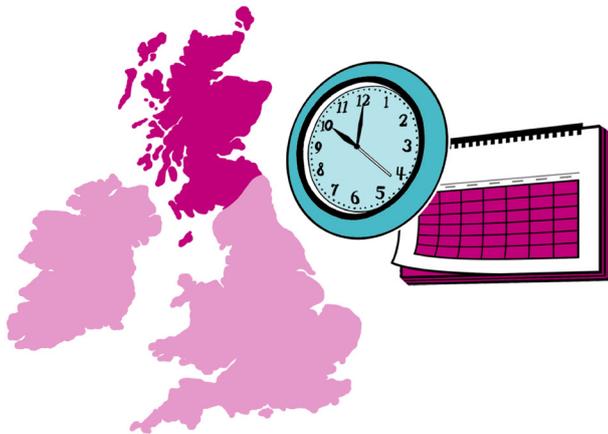
You can also click **Register by phone** on the website. This will take you to a page to fill out your contact details and then someone will call you back.



You can ask for a paper form to register. This can be sent to you so you can fill it in and send it back.



You can also register by phone, or ask for a paper form by calling the numbers below:



### **Alzheimer Scotland**

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**0808 808 3000**

Open all hours

You can call this number if you are in Scotland.



### **Alzheimer's Research UK**

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**0300 111 5 111**

Open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

You can call this number if you are in the UK.



## Alzheimer's Society

**0333 150 3456**

Open all week:

Monday to Wednesday 9am - 8pm

Thursday and Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm.

You can call this number if you are in England, Wales, or Northern Ireland.

Calls to Alzheimer Scotland are free.

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