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# Brain Waves



## A monthly newsletter from Innovations in Dementia CIC

The aim of these newsletters is to keep people with dementia and their allies informed about the work of Innovations in Dementia Community Interest Company.

## Working with Social Care Institute for Excellence

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) is committed to developing resources in partnership with service users and carers. This is an example of 'co-production'. Find out more about our work with SCIE on pages 2 and 3.



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## SCIE co-production network

At the start of February, we attended the second meeting of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) Co-production Network.



SCIE aims to co-produce all their work with people who use services and carers. They define co-production as working in full partnership with service users and carers, so they are co-creators of SCIE's work.

SCIE's role is to bring together and analyse evidence about how social care services work best and then share information through practical resources, such as guides, videos and learning materials. One of these resources is the Dementia Gateway, which we have been helping to redevelop (more in the next article). They see the concept of co-production as essential to making sure they are working on the issues that are important to service users and carers in ways that will improve the people's lives.

This was the first time that people with dementia had been represented at the SCIE Co-Production Network meeting. Nada attended along with Larry and Claire who are the co-chairs of the newly-formed Oxfordshire Dementia Empowerment Group. Larry and Claire thought that there was a lot to be learnt from the idea of co-production. We all thought that DEEP (Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project) which aims to bring groups of people with dementia from across the UK together should have a role in the Co-production Network in future.

Larry (who has dementia) pointed out to the network chairs that many people with dementia might not like or be able to attend an all-day meeting in London. He suggested that we should use a buddying system to allow him to support the next person to attend. We said we would also talk to groups of people with dementia who are part of DEEP to see how they thought that DEEP could be part of the network.

As part of DEEP we want to use the idea of co-production to work with groups of people with dementia to develop resources for other groups to use.

If you like to know more about co-production or the DEEP project, please contact Nada or Rachael

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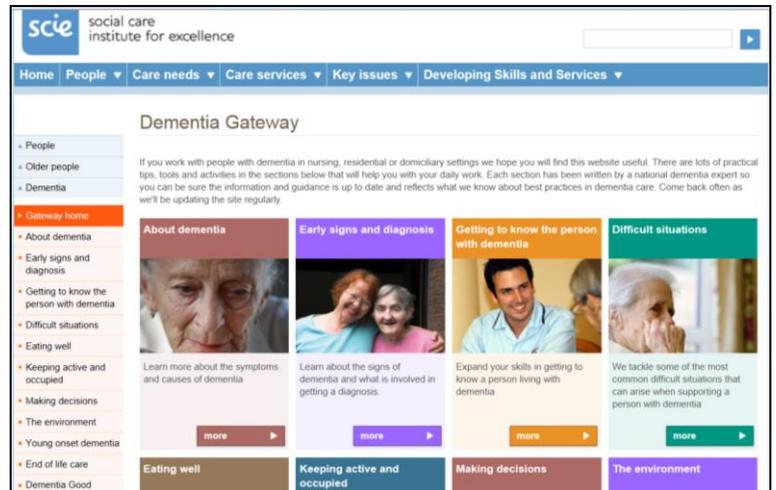
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## Helping to re-develop SCIE's Dementia Gateway website

Back in the July 2012 issue of Brain Waves, we told you about our work with the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE).

SCIE produce a very useful website called the Dementia Gateway.

The Dementia Gateway website is written for people working with people with dementia in nursing, residential or domiciliary settings. It contains lots of practical tips, tools and activities to help people in their daily work. Each section is written by a national dementia expert.



Last summer, they want to know what people with dementia think people who care for them need to know about dementia, and how best to present this information through their website.

We talked to lots of people with dementia and wrote a report for SCIE. People with dementia told us that the Gateway was a very good resource, but that it needed more focus on:

- Getting to know the person with dementia.
- Seeing the whole situation - making sure you understand what is going on in the person's life, not just their dementia.
- The emotional impact of dementia.
- The personal attributes and attitudes of care staff.

Following our report, SCIE have asked us to work together with some people with dementia to develop a new section to reflect what people with dementia want the people caring and supporting them to know. This section will emphasise the importance of getting to know the person with dementia.

### More information

Look out for the new Dementia Gateway website later in the year.

Go to [www.scie.org.uk/dementia](http://www.scie.org.uk/dementia)

## Trading Times goes live

In the November 2011 issue of Brain Waves, we told you about the winners of the Design Council Living Well with Dementia Challenge.

One of the winners has got in touch with us again to tell us that their idea is going live in March 2013.

Trading Times is an online service to help family carers find work that can be delivered on a time and location flexible basis. Trading Times aims to match local people with businesses and individuals who need things done. Trading Times offers encouragement and support for family carers to use their skills and understands the need for flexible working for people who are caring.

You can find out more and register for more information at the Trading Times website

Go to: [www.tradingtimes.org.uk](http://www.tradingtimes.org.uk)



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in Dementia**

Innovations in Dementia is run by three directors – Rachael, Steve and Nada. We are a Community Interest Company. This means that any profit we make is put back into the organisation.

We do not offer services for people with dementia.

Instead we work with other organisations to make sure that people with dementia can continue to take part in their communities and have active lives.

Please share your ideas, experiences and positive stories with us.

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