**APPG on Dementia – Dementia Diagnosis Inquiry - Submission of Written Evidence Form**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Dementia, chaired by Debbie Abrahams MP, is undertaking an inquiry into regional variation in dementia diagnosis rates. The purpose of this inquiry is to better understand factors contributing to this variation, to gather evidence on the impact of this variation, and to identify tangible actions that could reduce regional variation in dementia diagnosis.

The APPG is aware that rurality and deprivation are two of the biggest factors associated with regional variation in dementia diagnosis rates, meaning they shape the questions below. In addition, these factors tie into the Government’s Levelling Up agenda, ensuring this inquiry has a timely focus and impact.

The questions asked in this form have been developed for the following audience: academics, NHS and and social care sector professionals, local authority professionals, VCSEs, public health professionals, etc. **If you have dementia or care for someone who does, please instead complete this survey (link), which is designed specifically for people affected by dementia.**

***Please send this completed form along with your written evidence to*** ***APPGonDementia@alzheimers.org.uk***

 **Name:**

**Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?:**

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Job Title:**

**Email:**

**Phone (Optional):**

**Would you like your evidence to be anonymised?:**

**Would you like to be added to the APPG on Dementia’s mailing list?:** Yes/No

***Submitting your evidence***

*Before you submit your evidence:*

* Please be concise, aiming to keep your submission below 2,000 words. If your submission exceeds this length please include a short summary to begin. Please also include an introduction to yourself and/or your organisation.
* Your name (or your organisation’s name) will be published in a list of those contributing evidence in the APPG’s final inquiry report. If you would prefer for your evidence to be anonymous, please make this clear in your submission.
* We’ll read your evidence and we’ll use it to help the APPG’s inquiry. For example, The APPG may also use your name and your evidence in its final report.

* Please note that submission of evidence does not guarantee its publication. The project team, will, however, read all evidence submitted.

**What we’d like to hear**

The Group is accepting written evidence as a part of the inquiry and is particularly interested to hear thoughts on:

Understanding the scale of regional variation in dementia diagnosis rates

1. Please briefly state your experience in identifying, researching or otherwise working with dementia within rural and/or deprived communities.
2. If you are able, please share data and/or analysis regarding regional variation in dementia diagnosis rates, particularly where it relates to rural and/or deprived communities.

Understanding the regional barriers to dementia diagnosis

1. What barriers have you identified that may prevent people from accessing a timely dementia diagnosis in rural and/or deprived communities? Please provide any data (qualitative and/or quantitative) or examples you have to support this.

Understanding the regional enablers to dementia diagnosis

1. What support are you aware of to enable people to access a dementia diagnosis in rural and/or deprived communities? Where possible, please identify specific examples of good practice. This may include individual, community or system level factors, initiatives, services etc.

Understanding the impact of regional variation in dementia diagnosis rates

1. What impact are you aware of regarding the regional variation you have identified in dementia diagnosis. For example, consider the impact on people affected by dementia, their communities, the health and social care system?

Additional evidence

1. Please share any additional evidence which may be relevant to the issues of regional variation in dementia diagnosis in rural and/or deprived communities.

**Please include your written evidence on the following pages.**