



# A networking day for occupational therapists working with people with dementia

**Royal College of Occupational Therapists, London**  
**Wednesday 22 November 2017, 10.00am – 16.00pm**

## Background

Facilitated by Karin Orman, RCOT is running this networking day to scope current best practice in health and social care.

This networking day is appropriate for specialist occupational therapists working with people with dementia within the NHS, social care or working for or as independent providers.

As part of our campaign **Occupational therapy: Improving lives, saving money** the College looks to highlight the skills of occupational therapists, the most effective use of those skills and the value we offer. This networking event is an opportunity to debate and discuss what occupational therapy is able to offer:

To people with early onset dementia.

To people and their families following diagnosis.

In supporting people to continue with key occupations – employment, caring for others, driving.

To people in later and end of life stages of dementia.

\* This is not a study day and therefore not appropriate for members who are not currently working in this specialty but wish to learn how to make the transition.

## Outline Programme

The networking event is being run as part of our campaign **Occupational therapy: Improving lives, saving money**. The aim of the day is to share thoughts and best practice in relation to working with people with dementia and will inform a new publication outlining our offer as occupational therapists.

The structure to the day is designed to be flexible. The day will primarily consist of group discussions designed to meet the learning objectives. Key points will be captured to share after the event.

The session will close by identifying and agreeing future actions and ongoing support.

## Learning Objectives:

- Reflecting on existing practice – considering strengths and opportunities and challenges for occupational therapists.
- Exploring how occupational therapists can best access opportunities, resources, information, and promote their role in the work setting.
- Consideration of the vital attributes required in today's economically driven environment
- Identifying next steps for sharing best practice and providing peer support.

**To apply: Free to attend – RCOT members only**

**Step One:** Please apply using this link: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/peoplewithdementia](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/peoplewithdementia)

**Step Two:** The event is key to providing the College with the opportunity to scope current practice and for this reason we ask all participants to complete a service example as part of their application: Available at <http://cotimprovinglives.com/tell-your-story/>

**Service examples MUST be received by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, or your place will no longer be guaranteed.**

**Step Three:** Confirmation of your application will be received via email.

- Should you require more information before applying contact [Ashleigh.Watkins@rcot.co.uk](mailto:Ashleigh.Watkins@rcot.co.uk) / 02074502329
- This is a **free** event. The College does not provide lunch or reimburse travel expenses.
- **Do not book travel or accommodation until you have received written confirmation that the course is going ahead, as we are unable to refund such expenses.**

**CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS: FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2017**



This event can help you to meet the HCPC standards for CPD

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