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Abstract

Government policies emphasise the need to enable people with dementia (PwD) to live well by still engaging actively in their daily life. Occupational therapists play a crucial role in Enablement Services which aim to encourage users to participate in the creation of their care plan and development of independence. However, little is known about the impact of the Enablement Services from the users’ perspectives.

This study aims to explore with PwD, who retain ability to interact with others, their understanding and perception of the impact of Enablement Services on their daily functioning and living skills. Using a grounded theory approach to explore and analyse information gathered through focus groups and semi-structured one to one interviews, this will provide insight for development of innovative and effective strategies for assessment and interventions for PwD, so facilitating the development of an effective service model. This information, essential to service commissioning that includes OT, may help promote cross-agency working and understanding for integrated services, and will help to enhance the occupational therapy evidence base.