

CGA/18/09 - Understanding the needs of homecare workers supporting people with dementia and cancer

People with dementia, supported by family carers, prefer to live at home, often relying on homecare services as part of their support structure. Many do not think homecare workers understand their specific needs (Alzheimer's Society 2016). Dementia and comorbid conditions will intensify challenges for homecare workers and the number of people with dementia and cancer is increasing. We want to know (i) what information and education works best for the homecare workforce (ii) what people with dementia and cancer and their family carers expect from homecare worker support and (iii) what they think the difficulties are.