Intellectual disability and dementia


Drawing on the author's first-hand experiences with families, this book provides crucial, accessible information and answers the difficult questions that often arise when a family member with an intellectual disability is diagnosed with dementia. Linking directly to policy and practice in both dementia and intellectual disability care, this book takes an outcome-focussed approach to support short, medium and long-term planning. With a particular emphasis on communication, the author seeks to ensure that families and organisations are able to converse effectively about a relative's health and care. The book looks at how to recognise when changes in the health of a relative with an intellectual disability could indicate the onset of dementia, as well as addressing common concerns surrounding living situations, medication and care plans. Each chapter is structured to identify strategies for support whilst working towards outcomes identified by families as dementia progresses.

Intellectual disability and dementia: research into practice / Karen Watchman editor of compilation. (2014)

Internationally renowned experts from the UK, Ireland, the USA, Canada, Australia and the Netherlands discuss good practice and the way forward in relation to assessment, diagnosis, interventions, staff knowledge and training, care pathways, service design, measuring outcomes and the experiences of individuals, families and carers. The wealth of information offered will inform support and services throughout the whole course of dementia, from diagnosis to end of life. Particular emphasis is placed on how intellectual disability and dementia services can work collaboratively to offer more effective, joined up support.

Down's syndrome and dementia: a resource for carers and support staff / Dodd, Karen (2009)

The book focuses on practical day-to-day issues, including:
- supporting the person with Down's syndrome and dementia to maintain skills and independence in every way and for as long as possible
- understanding and responding appropriately to changes in behaviour during the early, middle and late stages of dementia
- improving the confidence of carers to look after individuals


This booklet for more able people with learning disabilities describes dementia in easy-to-understand language and provides answers to commonly asked questions.


This illustrated booklet describes the dementia process and helps people with a learning disability understand what happens when a friend gets dementia. It explains the changes that may occur and offers advice about people who can help.
For further suggestions check our blog post


Other online resources

Learning (intellectual) disability and dementia. Website developed by Karen Watchman
www.learningdisabilityanddementia.org

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