

THE OPEN DOORS SERVICE (Salford)

Proud to be the first NHS Trust in England to employ someone living with dementia



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Values:

People with dementia are able, and/or can be enabled, to maintain a fulfilling, meaningful and productive quality of life.

People with dementia and their carers have a specialist and privileged awareness and knowledge about dementia and its effect on the person, the family, social networks and relationships.

Effective and meaningful collaboration between services, people with dementia and carers leads to more meaningful and improved outcomes for all.

Vision:

To recruit a person with an early diagnosis of dementia to co-ordinate and steer the OPEN DOORS “forum”.

To enable people with dementia and their carers to be at the heart of driving forward the implementation of the Dementia Strategy in Salford. (Mike and Kevin who are pictured were appointed to our innovative posts).

To facilitate people with dementia and their carers to play an active and participative role in dementia research, training, education and service development in Salford, and beyond.

What we have achieved:

Set up the first Dementia Café in Salford (2011).

Set up the first support group in Salford for people living with dementia (2011).

In collaboration with the Alzheimer’s Society launched the first Singing for the Brain Group within a mental health dementia inpatient ward (2012).

Set up the Open Doors Book/Reading Club (2014).

Set up a Young Onset Dementia Dining Group (2016).

Developed the ‘Paws for Dementia’ Dog Walking Group (2018).

Support people living with dementia to develop skills as co-researchers on local and national research studies such as the Neighbourhoods and Dementia Study.

In conjunction with Manchester University produced three films on the changing face of our neighbourhoods:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIKs-Ac1_eo&list=PLxqVG-8W1AlfRZ8P9FA_R941OqiZ8Riyj