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Day Centre Resources Hub

A source of information about the value of day centres for older people including older people with dementia.

Photo courtesy of the Centre for Ageing Better

- Do you run a day centre?
- Does your job involve funding, planning, evaluating, referring or signposting people to day centres?
- Do you need evidence of the value of day centres and what they offer?
- Are you considering making links with your local day centre?

This Resources Hub provides useful information, practical tips, guides, case study examples and templates that can be downloaded and used to help inform your work. Topics covered include research, outcomes and impact, marketing, recruitment and local examples.

The website is well structured and offers detailed information. The presentation is clean and easy to read. I particularly like the links to research and marketing.
(South Croydon Day Centre for the Retired Co-ordinator)

This is the type of resource I wish I had when I first started commissioning day services 7 years ago.
Commissioner

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About the Day Centre Resources Hub

Why was it developed?

A survey found that day centres felt unsupported and under-prepared for current and future environments, that evidence and information about day centres would be welcomed by day centre providers, professional decision-makers and community groups, and that there is an appetite for joint working.

How was it developed?

We identified resource needs by speaking to people from day centres and people in a variety of roles. Researchers and a group of day centre providers, other professionals and people interested in day centres prioritised, identified, assembled, and developed resources that aimed to meet the needs expressed and were identified as priorities.

Resources were tested by a set of day centres and professionals and their feedback used to refine them.

How does it work?

The Hub includes compilations of useful material and provides some Word or Excel templates that can be downloaded and used locally. We hope people will dip in to find specific resources relevant to their work and their needs. Downloadable pdfs containing additional information are also available.

How was it funded?

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I found it very useful and I am sure that it will be used to enhance understanding and joint working. (Senior social worker)

I would direct commissioners or those looking at local health and social care spending to see these pages and find the evidence to inform their plans for local services. (GP)

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