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*FUTURE OF  
DEMENTIA/NEURODEGENERATION  
FUNDING IN IRELAND*

*IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL AND  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT*

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# *ASI Research Activity Completed*

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- Largely Collaborative
- De-Stress, ASI/TCD/H.R.B 2017
- Mapping of Dementia Services ASI/H.S.E 2017
- National Dementia Registry ASI/D.C.U 2016
- Palliative Care 2009
- Social Club Model of Care 2008
- Transition to Nursing Home Care 2008
- Implementing Policy for Dementia Care 2007

# *On going Research*

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- Role and Needs of Carers
- Planning of Services
- Risk and Prevention Factors
- Person and Professional Involvement



# The Past

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- Largely Unplanned and Ad Hoc
- Reacting to Requests
- Supportive to Other Agencies
- Lacked a Sustainable Funding Stream



# *Developing a Strategy*

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- Consultation Internal/External
- 3 Month Timeframe
- 3 Regional Meetings – Internal
- 30 Surveys
- 8 1:1 Meetings with External Stakeholders



## *Stakeholder Perceptions of ASI*

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- Collaborative
- Advisory on the Needs of People with Dementia
- Person Centred
- Important Role in Commissioning
- Reactive Rather than Planned
- Only Known to Some Close Partners





## *What's Working Well*

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- Strong and Growing Focus on Research
- Involvement of Persons with Dementia and Carers
- Healthy Living and Brain Health being Profiled
- Economics of Care been Addressed
- Individual Policies/Interventions Evaluated



# Challenges

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- Disconnected Research
  - Professional Recognition v Needs
- Profile of Dementia/ in Competition with other Research
- Patient Public Involvement- needed but Challenging
- Funding
- Research Capacity



## *Gaps in Research*

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- Social Models and Prevalence
- Implementation and Impact
- Building on Existing Research
- Understanding the Journey
- Professional Practice / Evidence Based
- Persons with Dementia and Carers should underpin



## *Potential Role of ASI*

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- Conduct Research- Large Service Footprint
- A Leadership or Co-ordinating Role
- Longitudinal Research
- Human Rights Focus
- Provide Framework for Patient – Person Involvement
- Partnership with Synergies outside of Ireland

## Next Steps

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- Consideration By the Board
- Explore Funding Streams
- Restructure Research Review – Sub Committee
- Play our Part in a More Collaborative Research Landscape



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