Women and Dementia

A Marginalised Majority

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850,000 people with dementia in the UK. 500,000 are women.

After 65, risk of dementia doubles every 5 years.

Women are living longer than men. Nearly 3 in 4 people over 90 are women.

Age is the most significant contributing factor to dementia.

Women over 60 are 2 times as likely to have dementia as breast cancer.

73% of people volunteering for studies through Join Dementia Research are women.

Women as carers

Women are 2.5 times more likely to provide intensive, 24 hour care.

Women are 2.3 times more likely to provide care for someone with dementia for over 5 years.

Women carers report feeling less supported than their male counterparts.

60-70% of carers for people with dementia are women.

17% of working women carers felt penalised at work.

19% of working women carers had to quit work to provide care.

Women carers are more likely to feel isolated and depressed.

Women in research

38% of researchers in the UK are women according to UNESCO.

55% of applications to Alzheimer’s Research UK for early career grants come from women, but this drops to 35% for Major Project Grants later in careers.

42% of Alzheimer’s Research UK’s research Grant Review Board are women, more than doubling the figure from 2013.

Help us defeat dementia. Find out more & what you can do at alzheimersresearchuk.org

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