Dementia Board Game:  
**A playful approach to a serious issue**

This game can be purchased at cost price at £30.00 (within Gloucestershire). For CDL’s working in the community you do have the option of borrowing a game. For all enquiries please contact Lena Maller directly at: Lena.Maller@fdean.gcsx.gov.uk

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Cheltenham Support Forums 5th July – Flyer previously circulated
- Gloucester Support Forum 31st July – Flyer attached

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DI HARRILL MBE**

Diane Harrill (one of our CDL’s) a teacher at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre, receives an MBE for services to education.

**SUE KEANE LEAVING THE DEMENTIA EDUCATION TEAM**

Dear DLWs & CDLs It would be hard to have spent a more rewarding 10 years but it is time to hang up my laptop and projector & return to clinical practice. I will be leaving the education team at the beginning of August & would just like to take the opportunity to say what a privilege it has been to work with you all – I have had the best job in the world but only because of your passion & commitment to making a difference for people living with dementia. Thank you, Sue.

**DLW Course Feedback**

“What thank you so much for your support, always positive comments and guidance. The course was absolute joy to be part of, from the workshops to assignments (eventually), and research, all the people I’ve met on the course who I hope to stay in touch with, hopefully work with, on some projects, maybe. To Sue, Rachel, and Ann’s leadership and facilitation, the fantastic guest speakers, really, this course is high end, I feel privileged to have been able to take part. What a great team you are all.”

**Dogs for Good**

There is a pilot starting in 2gether lead by our Commissioners and in partnership with Dogs for Good. Dogs for Good have specially trained dogs and skilled handlers and the pilot aims to explore how these dogs may help in the treatment of our patients. In a differing approach to PAT dogs these Dogs have particular training and skills to allow clinicians to facilitate treatment plans that might otherwise be more difficult or impossible due to the persons symptoms and difficulties as a result of their dementia. This pilot covers inpatients, community and our allocated Dog Rita and her handler Amy will be seen with clinicians on the wards and visiting patients in the community over the next 6 months. Work has already been completed in Scotland where the Dogs were seen to be of real benefit to people with dementia in living more independently. If successful the findings from the pilot study will then be used as evidence to support wider use of these specially trained dogs elsewhere.

**Your contact details**

If any of your contact details change please let Amanda Rawlins know at a.rawlins@nhs.net and we will update our records.

**Dementia Day 1&2 Training**

Dementia Day 1&2 training dates are available to November. Please follow the link below for more details: [http://www.glosed.trp.gov.uk/dementiatraining](http://www.glosed.trp.gov.uk/dementiatraining)

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- **Dementia Link Workers/Community**
- **Dementia Links/Dementia Leads & Dementia Awareness Trainers**

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