

What is Dementia?

Cognitive symptoms

Difficulty processing information, reasoning, decision making

Functional symptoms

Problems doing everyday things such as making a cup of tea, using a cash card

An Umbrella term for different progressive diseases that damage the brain
(Over 200 types)

4 most common types

Alzheimer's disease

Vascular dementia

Frontotemporal dementia (FTD)

Dementia with Lewy bodies

Memory symptoms

Difficulty retaining information, remembering new things

Communication symptoms

Difficulty understanding what is being said and problems with speech

Key points:

Each person who has dementia is a unique individual
The way that the brain is effected is unique for each person
Symptoms can cause distress and sometimes behaviours that challenge us
People with dementia need more compassion, time and support to meet individual needs