

“Dementia care and research – What a difference a decade makes?”

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Dementia care currently costs the UK 21 bn pounds a year, and that doesn't include the huge informal costs of family careers and community support networks. Developing services to meet the needs of patients with complex health problems must involve service users. Professor Robinson has addressed what resources are needed to provide a better quality of care, and how these can be successfully delivered to patients and their family. As Newcastle University's Professor of Primary Care and Ageing, and as a working GP in a Newcastle practice, she is keen to ensure that the benefits of the University's excellent research into ageing and the diseases of old age are translated into high quality treatment and care for older people. She leads the Primary Care Group of the Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network (DeNDRoN), a national network of researchers which aims to explore the whole spectrum of dementia care from diagnosis and early detection, through to advanced dementia and end of life care. Another Professor Robinson's ambitions would be to help create a center of excellence at Newcastle University for training GPs, hospital staff, community nurses and others in all aspects of dementia care. In this lecture, Prof Robinson will talk about how her translational research had influenced UK practice over the last 10+ years and at same time bring in her career development in both clinical and academic field.