

## Cascade - Topic Guide for GPs

### Introduction and explanation of study

#### First a few questions about you and your training:

**How long have you been a GP?**

**When did you first qualify as a doctor?**

**What is your role in the practice?**

**Have you had any specialist training about dementia?**

**If yes, what sort of training was that?**

#### What is your local hospital?

**Are your patients sometimes admitted to other hospitals in the region?**

#### Can you tell me what dementia case-finding means to you?

#### Do you know how dementia case-finding has been implemented at your local hospital?

*What do you think they are trying to achieve with the system?*

*Do you know how this is done? ... what assessments / referral process etc?*

#### Does the hospital feedback the results of their dementia case finding to you?

*How do they do that?*

*What information is sent to you after a patient has been discharged?*

*... e.g. results of assessments? new diagnoses? suggested referral for investigation?*

*... categories such as "cause for concern", "at risk", etc? specific advice? care plans?*

[I'm going to ask you first to try and think of some specific examples, without revealing any confidential personal details of course, and then some more general questions....]

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**Thinking back to the information you were sent about some of your older patients who were most recently in hospital:**

*How useful was the information you were sent about the case-finding?*

*Was it information you already knew about this/these individual(s)?*

*If the hospital identified dementia, possible dementia or concerns about one of your patient's cognition, did you feel it was appropriate to rate the patient in this way?*

**Has dementia case-finding identified any of your patients as potentially having dementia that you weren't aware of?**

**Has case finding not picked up someone who already had a dementia diagnosis?**

[Now thinking in more general terms...]

**What do you think of dementia case-finding being undertaken in hospitals? (appropriate?)**

**How has this case-finding in hospital worked, from your perspective in primary care?**

**Can you suggest ways to improve or change anything that has not worked well?**

**The "Find – Assess – Investigate – Refer" Dementia CQUIN has recently undergone some further changes – are you aware of these changes? (If not, explain what these changes are)**

**– do you think these changes will improve how case-finding works?**

**Has dementia case-finding in hospitals affected how your practice is identifying and supporting people with dementia?**

**What (other) impact(s), if any, do you think hospital case-finding has had for GPs?**

*How does this relate to other pressures on general practice to identify dementia?*

**Are you aware of any impacts of hospital dementia case-finding on other services?**

*e.g. Have you noticed any changes when you refer patients for further investigation if dementia is suspected? ... waiting time till appointment, etc*

**I'd like to ask you about support for people who have dementia:**

*As a GP, what can you offer your patients with dementia?*

*What kinds of support are available in your area – for people with dementia? carers?  
Are there difficulties accessing support? Can GPs help with access to support?*

**What do you think the impact has been on patients? And their carers / families?**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME**