

Living with dementia: is there a place for resilience?

There are an increasing number of people living with dementia. New thinking about how to support people with dementia and their care partners is needed if health, social care and housing support systems are to provide more personalised, impactful and cost-effective solutions. Resilience could offer a solution. However, the concept is not well understood and people with dementia are often assumed to be 'risky people' (Bailey et al., 2013). As such resilience is often thought of as incompatible in the context of dementia. This lecture will explore our understanding of dementia and resilience, and provide an opportunity to reflect on current thinking and practice in this area.

About Dr Julie Christie

Dr Christie has experience of working with people living with dementia as a nurse, social worker and social work manager. She has a PhD in the subject of resilience and dementia and has worked across a range of settings, including integrated health and social care, residential, care home and hospital sites, and has extensive knowledge on co-production, assessment, risk enablement, self-directed support, and issues of support and protection. Dr Christie is a registered social worker. She has published work on acute hospital care practice, the ethical evaluation of dementia services, social work practice with older people and virtual reality applications. Forthcoming publications in 2018 include contributions to books on the topics technology choices for organisations working with people who have dementia and new practice paradigms for health and social care practitioners working with people with dementia. Her book on the subject of resilience and dementia is due for publication in early 2019.

Light refreshment is provided

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