

# Worksheet 18:

## Understanding the impact of dementia on a young person and their family

Young onset dementia	Late onset dementia
Diagnosed before age 65	Diagnosed after age 65
<b>Main causes (in order of prevalence)</b> Alzheimer's disease Vascular disease Fronto-temporal disease	<b>Main causes (in order of prevalence)</b> Alzheimer's disease Vascular disease Lewy Body disease Fronto-temporal disease
<b>Average length of time to diagnosis</b> 4.4 years	<b>Average length of time to diagnosis</b> 2.8 years
<b>Symptoms</b> Tend to be behavioural – changes in usual behaviour and reactions, becoming irritable, apathetic, disinhibited in speech and behaviour, progressive language disorder, visuo-spatial problems, perceptual problems, cognitive impairments e.g. memory changes	<b>Symptoms</b> Tend to be cognitive impairments which are noticed first – memory problems, disorientation, difficulty concentrating, understanding, verbal language difficulties – then behavioural changes
<b>Barriers to diagnosis</b>	<b>Barriers to diagnosis</b>
<b>Lifestyle</b>	<b>Lifestyle</b>
<b>Treatment and support</b>	<b>Treatment and support</b>