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Re: National Audit of Dementia Services – Establishment of Memory Services (ROCR/11/2088VOLU)

Dear Colleagues,

Further to my letter to you of 26th April (Gateway reference: 15930), I am writing to ask for your assistance in our national audit of dementia services, which includes looking at the provision of memory services, which is being undertaken by the NHS Information Centre.

As you know one of the main drivers for the National Dementia Strategy - and our new outcomes focused implementation plan, was early diagnosis and intervention in primary care. To support the implementation of the strategy some investment money was provided to facilitate the creation of memory services.

As part of our programme to map services across the country, we are very keen to get an as accurate a picture as we can about what services are available and the populations which they serve. As we move forward to the next stage of the development of services this baseline is extremely important. My aspiration is to raise the profile of dementia and hopefully get an entry in the next NHS Atlas of variation.

I am conscious that you have many other competing demands at the moment but I would be most grateful if you could lend your support by completing the short on-line questionnaire which was issued by the NHS Information Centre.

The survey is seeking to supplement the gap in national available information on the provision of memory services. Guidance and further information on the survey is available at: <http://www.ic.nhs.uk/omnibus/dementia>.

If you require login details please contact the NHS Information Centre Community & Mental Health Team: MHMDS@ic.nhs.uk.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have – please feel free to contact me direct on 07801 358 231.

With best wishes



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