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## DementiaCare Resource and Training Network eLearning Program Building the Health Workforce

### Introduction

The DementiaCare Resource and Training Network (DCRTN) is a cost efficient interactive web-based dementia education and resource program delivered by Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD).



The training program partners with leading academic institutions delivering up-to-the-minute research to the bedside, enabling NSW Health staff to collaborate and network with peers in the care of patients with dementia.

### Aim

The DCRTN delivers evidence based resources and education to the NSW clinical workforce within a stimulating interactive environment. It exemplifies research translation into practice.

### Funding

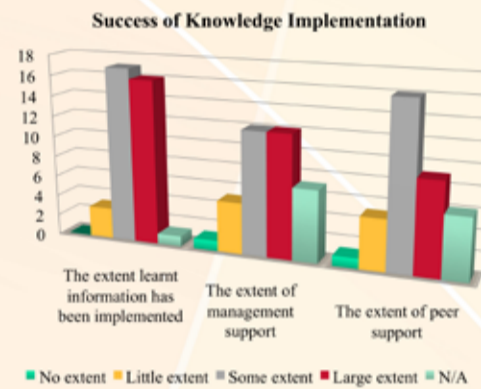
This program is funded by NSW Ministry of Health (MoH) under the Dementia Services Framework and overseen by a steering committee.

The funding model that underpins the program is an efficient and cost effective method of delivering high quality evidence-based training to clinicians located in all areas across NSW.

Efficiencies are achieved through provision of a 24/7 easily accessible training resource for clinicians, consequently freeing up clinical time for front-line care.

### Results

The DCRTN is effecting a positive approach to the care of the older person through delivery of a 12 and 4 week facilitated dementia care eLearning course.



### Highlights

- Over 800 clinicians from across NSW have completed the program
- 80 program facilitators trained
- Approximately 14 graduates have progressed to masters
- In the 30 days up to 24 July 2012 the site recorded
  - Visitors = 2,352
  - Page views = 62,538

An external evaluation was undertaken in 2011. Overall feedback was positive and identified usability issues have been addressed.

### Conclusion

The NSW Health Dementia Services Framework identifies this highly successful program as a key deliverable to improve outcomes for people with dementia.

This program is facilitating the education and support of NSW Health aged care champions and improving the workforce skill base in delivering quality dementia care.

The program now includes an Alumni for graduates enabling continued peer collaboration and access to resources, current literature and research.

New course modules are in development including BPSD, ATSI and End of Life Care.



The program is endorsed by the Royal College of Nursing, The Australian Association of Social Workers and the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.



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