

Having dementia and cancer created accumulated complexity with...

...involving families and supporters in care



- Relatives were relied on to provide practical and emotional support around cancer treatment and care.
- Families varied in their ability to provide required support
- Where no family was available, it was unclear who should support people with dementia to access to cancer treatment

“I can’t see how you would ever be able to treat someone with dementia if you didn’t have support from an advocate, carers or a family member.

Because if these patients can’t verbalise any problems, then it’s dangerous giving people treatment.”

Clinical Nurse Specialist

“But just t that familiar sound of somebody’s voice. I’ve done it a few times [having a relative in the radiotherapy control room]...”

Radiographer

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