

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is intended for data collection and analysis only.

By answering the questions and submitting your replies, you agree to participate in the questionnaire.

Please do not mark or sign the questionnaire. All information is strictly confidential in accordance with the Data Protection Act

Where relevant, you may select more than one answer for each question

1 Are you a:

- A** Carer
- B** Individual with dementia
- C** Healthcare professional
- D** Others (please specify _____)

2 Gender

- A** Male
- B** Female

3 Age bracket (years)

- A** below 30
- B** 30-50
- C** 51-70
- D** above 70

4 Location of residence _____

5 Do you think that dementia is still a taboo subject?

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Don't know

6 Do you think that there is enough awareness on dementia?

- A** Yes
- B** No

C Don't know

7 Do you think that early diagnosis of dementia is important?

A Yes

B No

C Don't know

8 If you answered yes to Question 7, please state why

A Early diagnosis may postpone long-term residential care

B It facilitates treatment options

C Helps in taking family decisions

D Helps in financial planning

E Others (please specify _____)

9 Is there enough information on the services that are available to individuals with dementia and their carers?

A Yes

B No

C Don't know

10 If you are a patient or carer, which of the following services intended for the elderly do you use?

A Homehelp

B Telecare

C Meals on Wheels

D Handyman

E Never heard of these services

F Not applicable

11 What symptoms lead you to seek medical assistance?

(if you are a carer, or relative, what symptoms did you observe that warranted seeking medical advice?)

A Problems with memory

B Problems with communication

C Behavioural difficulties (e.g. aggression)

- D** Others (please specify _____)
- E** Not applicable

12 How long did you wait to seek medical advice following the appearance of the first symptoms
(if you are a carer, or relative, how long have you waited to advise the individual with dementia to seek medical assistance?)

- A** less than 3 months
- B** between 3-6 months
- C** between 7 months - 1 year
- D** more than 1 year
- E** Not applicable

13 What factors may have hindered you from seeking medical attention?
(if you are a carer, or relative, what factors may have hindered you to advise the patient to seek medical assistance?)

- A** Hope that the symptoms will pass away
- B** Social stigma
- C** These symptoms are expected in old age
- D** Others
- E** Not applicable

14 If you are a patient, have you attended Mater Dei Hospital as an out-patient for initial diagnosis of dementia?
(if you are a carer, or relative, did you take the individual with dementia to Mater Dei Hospital as an outpatient for initial diagnosis?)

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Not applicable

15 Have you made any use of the Memory Clinic at Zammit Clapp Hospital?

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Not applicable

16 What support services should be enhanced?

- A** Home help

- B** Activity centres
- C** Residential care
- D** Local Dementia Societies
- E** Rehabilitation and respite care
- F** Others (please specify _____)

17 If you are a patient or carer, have you made use of the activity centre at St Vincent de Paul residence?

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Never heard of it
- D** Not applicable

18 Are you concerned with end-of-life (e.g. palliative care) issues?

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Don't know
- D** Not applicable

19 Do you think that health care professionals have the necessary skills in dementia care?

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Don't know

20 Does caring for a person with dementia have a significant impact on your family finances?

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Don't know
- D** Not applicable

21 If you answered yes to question 20, please state in what ways your finances are effected

- A** To buy dementia medication
- B** Payment of Institutional or residential care

- C** Payment for home aid services
- D** Others (please specify _____)

22 If you answered yes to question 20, please state the average amount spent on dementia care issues per month

- A** less than 100 Euro
- B** between 100-200 Euro
- C** Between 200-400 Euro
- D** More than 400 Euro

23 If you are a patient, or carer or relative, what dementia symptoms are most difficult to cope with?

- A** Problems with memory
- B** Problems with language an communication
- C** Confusion
- D** Problems with behaviour
- E** Problems with Activities of Daily Living (e.g. eating, bathing, washing, cooking etc.)
- F** Others (please specify _____)

24 Would you consider care in the community important?

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Don't know

25 Would you consider respite care important?

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Don't know

26 Please list any other comments or recommendations that you would like to add.

Thank you for your participation.