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Buckinghamshire Memory Support Service response to COVID-19

The Buckinghamshire Memory Support Service wants to ensure people with memory concerns, dementia and their carers are not alone during these challenging times.

Living with dementia at any time brings everyday challenges for the person with dementia or memory problems and those around them. Coronavirus is making daily life much harder.

But, the Memory Support Service at Alzheimer's Society in Buckinghamshire are ready to support and give advice to anyone with memory worries, those living with dementia and carers.

Linda Goddard, Area Manager for Alzheimer's Society in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes, said: "Being diagnosed with dementia can be a daunting and bewildering experience but memory support workers enable people to take control of their lives and make sense of what is happening to them."

"We can also help you to understand how to manage benefits, how dementia progresses and the importance of getting people's financial affairs in order – Memory Support Workers are there to explain about the condition but also signpost people to other support services available."



For more information, please contact Buckinghamshire Memory Support Service on 01296 331749 or memorysupport@alzheimers.org.uk

For more information on dementia and coronavirus, visit alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/coronavirus-covid-19

Nationally, Alzheimer's Society Dementia Connect support line is a new, free, personalised support service to provide information on the right support, from local help to phone and online advice. For support, call 0333 150 3456 or visit alzheimers.org.uk for more information.

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Notes to editors:

- Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading dementia charity. We provide information and support, fund research, campaign to improve care and create lasting change for people affected by dementia in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Dementia devastates lives. Alzheimer's Society research shows that 850,000 people in the UK have a form of dementia. By 2021, 1 million people will be living with the condition. This will soar to two million by 2051.
- Dementia deaths are rising year on year and 225,000 will develop dementia this year - that's one every three minutes.
- Dementia costs the UK economy over £26 billion per year. This is the equivalent of more than £30,000 per person with dementia.
- Alzheimer's Society funds research into the cause, care, cure and prevention of all types of dementia and has committed to spend at least £150 million on research over the next decade. This includes a £50 million investment in the UK's first dedicated Dementia Research Institute.
- Until the day we find a cure, Alzheimer's Society will be here for anyone affected by dementia - wherever they are, whatever they're going through. Everything we do is informed and inspired by them.
- Let's take on dementia together. Volunteer. Donate. Campaign for change. Whatever you do, unite with us against dementia.



- Alzheimer's Society relies on voluntary donations to continue our vital work. You can donate now by calling 0330 333 0804 or visiting alzheimers.org.uk.
- Alzheimer's Society provides a National Dementia Helpline, the number is 0300 222 11 22 or visit alzheimers.org.uk
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