

EUROPEAN COLLABORATION ON DEMENTIA (EuroCoDe)

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BACKGROUND

This is a three-year project (1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008) led by Alzheimer Europe. It aims to develop and disseminate evidence-based mental health promotion and Alzheimer's disease prevention strategies across Europe and facilitate their integration into countries' policies and programmes and health care professionals' daily clinical work.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the project is to develop a European network in the area of dementia to jointly develop consensual indicators and to develop an ongoing dialogue to identify ways of developing synergies and a closer collaboration at the EU level. The project will also look at the socio-economic costs of dementia in Europe and the availability of support services across countries.

Work at the LSE is focusing on looking at methods used to measure and place a value on traditional informal (family based) care as well as care provided through the black market, often by undocumented migrants across Europe.

METHODOLOGY

Each work package is undertaking a systematic review of the literature augmented by expert consultation. This includes a systematic review of studies looking at the costs of informal care worldwide for dementia and Alzheimer's disease will be carried out. In addition a systematic review of papers looking at methodological innovations in the measurement and valuation of informal care (regardless of disease area) is being conducted.

OUTPUTS

A series of reports to the European Commission is planned and journal papers will be submitted. An event linked to the work of the project will also take place in Paris under the auspices of the French Presidency of the European Union in late 2008.

A first interim report is available to download at http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_projects/2005/action1/docs/action1_2005_inter_10_en.pdf. The project web pages are at www.alzheimer-europe.org/?lm2=511D4A325936

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