What is Join Dementia Research
Join Dementia Research is a UK-wide dementia research service that connects members of the public interested in dementia research with studies they could take part in. Anyone over the age of 18 can join. When someone signs up, they will receive a notification and can choose whether to participate in studies. There is no obligation to take part in any of the studies you are matched to. It is completely your choice whether to take part in a study.

Join Dementia Research is run by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) in partnership with Alzheimer's Society, Alzheimer's Research UK, and Alzheimer Scotland.

Why participation matters and the difference you can make
We always need more people to sign up to take part in research. Taking part in research means you will make a real difference to the future of dementia care, diagnosis and treatment.

Through research, we may one day find a cure for dementia.

We currently have over 103,000 people signed up to Join Dementia Research (Figures correct as of 06/06/2026). We always want more people to sign up for the service!

What people are being asked to do
We are asking people to sign up to Join Dementia Research.

When signing up, you will be asked *'How did you hear about Join Dementia Research?'*. Please select the '*Other Charity'* option. A free text box will appear underneath. In this box, put in **RSN1**.

This unique code will allow us to track how many people have signed up in relation to the Rural Services Network, and we can measure the impact of this initiative.

What happens after registration
Once you have signed up to Join Dementia Research you will receive an email to verify your account. You just need to click on the link provided in this email, and your account will be verified.

Your account will automatically be set for you to receive study alerts, so when you match to a study, you will receive an email providing the title of the study.

To find out more about the study, you just need to click on the link within the email and you will be taken through to the website. You will need to log in to your account. Here you can view more details about the study and let the researcher know if you are interested in taking part.

Following that, the researcher will be prompted to contact you via your preferred contact mechanisms within 5 days.

If they contact you and you decide you do not want to take part in the study, that is absolutely fine, all you need to say is *'No'* and you will not be contacted about that study again. It will not affect your future studies if you say no. You can decide that you wish to withdraw from a study at any time.