

ADULT DAY SERVICES: THEIR IMPACT UPON THE OCCUPATIONAL PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE WITH EARLY STAGE DEMENTIA AND THEIR PRIMARY CARERS

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INTEGRATIVE REVIEW

Findings:

- Lack of interest in ADS utilization
- Highlighted GAP regarding perceptions of people with dementia

THIS QUALITATIVE STUDY EXPLORED:

- the experiences of people with dementia whilst a) at home b) attending ADS
- the impact of their ADS attendance on the occupational participation of their primary carers, at home, and in their communities
- and explored the perceptions carers had about the impact ADS attendance had on their care recipients

SAMPLE:

- * (n=30) 15 +15 who lived in their own home - together
- *A multi-site study – 8 ADS sites across Perth, WA.
- *ADS managers – gatekeepers
- *Data triangulated
- *Trustworthiness and rigour established

FINDINGS

PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

at home

Theme 1: LOSS

"It's different to what I have known. It is slowly getting smaller..." Edward

RELATIONSHIPS



INDEPENDENCE



ROLES AND ROUTINES

attending ADS

Theme 2: RELATIONSHIPS

"We are all in the same boat..." Harry

MEANINGFUL
OCCUPATIONS



POSITIVE
CONTRIBUTION



LIKE HOME

CARERS

Theme 1: LOSS

"He's there but he is not there." Alida

RELATIONSHIPS



INDEPENDENCE



SOCIAL
CONNECTION

Theme 2: TIME

"She was resistant at first... but then I explained that it was respite for me." Neil

I RUN MY TAIL OFF



BREATHING SPACE



SUPPORT

Theme 3: ENVIRONMENT

"They make the client feel welcome and special...they treat every client like a human being." Kevin

COMING HOME
HAPPY



DIGNITY AND
RESPECT



JUST LIKE HOME