

## **P-05-697 45000 Reasons Wales Needs a Dementia Strategy**

This petition was submitted by the Alzheimer's Society, having collected 5,861 signatures on an alternative e-petitions website.

### ***Text of the Petition***

*We call on the Welsh Government to commit to a dementia strategy that improves the lives of people living with dementia in Wales.*

*There are currently 45,000 people estimated to be living with dementia in Wales, less than 50% of whom have received a formal diagnosis. Receiving a diagnosis of dementia empowers people to make decisions about the care and support they receive; it opens the door to accessing services and, where necessary, medication.*

*However, even those who have received a diagnosis have most likely not received the information and support that they need in order to live well with dementia. 1 in 10 people with dementia in Wales did not receive any support at all in the first year after their diagnosis, leaving them to deal with their diagnosis alone.*

*People living with dementia in Wales are less likely to receive a diagnosis, and are less likely to have access to post-diagnosis support than those living in the rest of the UK. This has to change.*

*We want the Welsh Government to develop a dementia strategy for Wales, one that demonstrates a commitment to improving diagnosis rates, and ensures the access to local services and the quality of care that people living with dementia deserve.*