

The Herbert Protocol

Dementia Awareness

- for every 100 people aged 65 and over, 7 have dementia
- this figure rises to 1 in 4 aged 85 and over
- 65-80% of people with dementia live in their own home

The term “dementia” is used to describe a group of illnesses which causes a progressive decline in the ability to remember, to learn, to think and to reason.

West Yorkshire Police is raising awareness among its staff and officers of the condition, and has joined the Dementia Action Alliance as part of a commitment by the Force to improve the services provided to those with dementia.

The Force has signed up to the Herbert Protocol to enable family and friends to put systems in place to allow for early intervention when loved ones go missing.

Working to become Dementia Friendly logo as part of the commitment, Dementia Community Champions are being introduced within districts and departments who will act as dedicated points of contacts and ensure that the specific needs of people with dementia are taken into account in all investigations. A resource library is also being compiled to assist staff and officers with best practice in dealing with those with dementia.

Further information and resources are available on the following link:

<http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/dementia>