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Accessible Versions of the BPS/FPOP Dementia Guidance Documents

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fight against
dementia

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Background to Accessible Version

- DCP objective to make publications more accessible for service users
- Service users finding “professional” paper impossible to read and digest
- Suggested format: “Easy Read”
- Service user workshop on language use in writing for people affected by dementia
 - Rejection of “Easy Read” by many service users
 - Positive feed-back on “Guide to Psychosocial Interventions”
- Part of Workstream’s dissemination budget earmarked for production of Accessible version



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Writing an accessible version

- Experience:
 - writing accessible materials for people with dementia, using service user feed-back, notes, minutes and agendas for Service User Involvement Groups
 - FPOP/DEEP service user consultations and writing Guide to Psychosocial Interventions
- Process:
 - Removed technical terms, explanatory text boxes, used plain English
 - Condensed discussions of research findings
 - Reduced depth of discussion and description to essentials
 - Prioritised information most relevant to service users



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Further consultation



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- Launching today: consultation draft of the accessible version of the “Clinical Psychology in the Early Stage Dementia Care Pathway”
- Dissemination through:
 - DEEP Network and Newsletter
 - DAA website: www.dementiaaction.org.uk
 - BPS (FPOP) website: www.bps.org.uk/fpop
 - FPOP (PSIGE) website: www.psig.org
- Feedback to: reinhard.guss@kmpt.nhs.uk

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