



INTERDEM MEMBERS – BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

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PRESENT POSITION (e.g. Director of): Senior Lecturer in Sociology of Medicine

HIGHEST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION (e.g. PhD, MD etc.): PhD

PROFILE OF MEMBER:

Andy Northcott is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology of Medicine within the Geller Institute of Ageing and Memory.

Andy's research responds to current health care challenges in the NHS by examining inequalities in healthcare settings, with a particular focus on acute hospital settings, and their impacts on patient experiences and outcomes . After initial postdoctoral research exploring paediatric hospital settings and their impact on

children and families, Andy has, since 2015, focussed on the largest single patient group admitted to NHS hospitals in the UK, People Living with Dementia. Since 2015 Andy has led National Institute of Healthcare Research (NIHR) funded research as co-applicant and study manager, totalling over £2 million. Andy has a strong track record of publications and impact, with the outcomes from this body of work currently informing the developments of interventions, training, and education for ward staff across the NHS.

Andy is a currently study manager of an NIHR funded large scale interdisciplinary study examining the use of restrictive practices in the care of people living with dementia within acute hospital settings across England and Wales.

This builds on a completed a program of ethnographic research exploring how cultures of care within acute wards respond to the needs of people living with dementia, seeking to improve the experiences and outcomes of hospital admissions for this patient group.

Andy's most recent monograph, *Wandering The Wards*, was shortlisted for the 2021 Foundation of Sociology of Health and Illness book prize. The book, an open access publication, provides a detailed ethnographic account of experiences of people living with dementia within contemporary hospital settings.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE: Care of people living with dementia during an unplanned hospital admission, co-production of research with people living with dementia, ethnography of healthcare settings, qualitative research in healthcare settings.

KEY PUBLICATIONS (Max. 5):

- Northcott A, Boddington P, Featherstone K. Pad cultures: An ethnography of continence care and its consequences for people living with dementia during a hospital admission. *Dementia*. 2022 Oct;21(7):2191-209.
- Featherstone K, Northcott A, Boddington P, Edwards D, Vougioukalou S, Bale S, Harrison Denning K, Logan K, Tope R, Kelly D, Jones A. Understanding approaches to continence care for people living with dementia in acute hospital settings: an ethnographic study. *Health and Social Care Delivery Research*. 2022 Jun 30;10.
- Featherstone, K., Northcott, A. (2020) *Wandering the Wards: An Ethnography of Hospital Care and its Consequences for People Living with Dementia*, Routledge Studies in Health and Medical Anthropology : London
- Featherstone K., Northcott A., Harden J., Bale S., Harrison-Denning, K., Bridges J. (2019) Refusal and resistance to care by people living with dementia being cared for on acute hospital wards: an ethnographic study, *Health Services and Delivery Research* 7(11)
- Featherstone, K., Northcott A, Bridges J. (2019) 'Routines of resistance: An ethnography of the care of people living with dementia in acute hospital wards'. *International Journal of Nursing Studies* 96 53-16

RELEVANT RESEARCH ACTIVITY:

(2021) Understanding the use of restrictive practices in the care of people living with dementia during a hospital admission: identifying best practice and alternative interventions to improve safety and reduce risk NIHR HS&DR researcher led funding stream: £1,050,000. [Co-Applicant and study manager]

(2017) Understanding continence practices in acute settings for people with dementia: raising awareness and improving care. NIHR HS&DR researcher led funding stream: £525,000. [Co-Applicant and lead researcher]

(2017) Implementing the finding of the MemoryCare study: A feasibility project. NIHR HS&DR £32,700. [Co-applicant]

(2017) Developing the dementia friendly cinema. BFI/Film Hub Wales Audience Development Fund £10,000 [Co-Applicant]

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS/ONGOING PROJECT TITLE:

Understanding the use of restrictive practices in the care of people living with dementia during a hospital admission: identifying best practice and alternative interventions to improve safety and reduce risk

HOW DO YOU INTEND TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTERDEM:

I have contributed to Alzheimer Europe at four of the last five annual conferences, presenting my original research into the care of people living with dementia in acute hospital settings. I have also attended several INTERDEM academy sessions while an ECR. I will contribute to INTERDEM primarily through my ongoing research into improving the experience and outcomes of hospital care for people living with dementia, and through mentoring and supporting early career researchers, in particular with insights into involving people living with dementia in qualitative research, the ethics and governance of research within hospital settings and involving people living with dementia in research.