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The Alzheimer's Society (2013) estimates that 160,000 deaths per year are directly attributable to dementia as a principal or contributory cause.

At any one time up to 50% of patients on wards caring for older people in acute hospitals will have dementia, delirium, or both.

*Marie Curie, 2009*

Deaths where dementia is a certified cause indicate that 30% occur in hospital. However, this figure is likely to be an underestimate because of the extensive under diagnosis of dementia.

*Alzheimer's Society 2012*

Hospital admissions are difficult experiences for any patient, but may be particularly stressful for patients affected by dementia and confusion.

Dementia is not always recognised to be a terminal illness, even though cognitive impairment is a 'strong independent predictor of mortality in older people.'

*Sampson, 2010*

So we need to make the hospital a good place to die for all patients, including the increasing number of those who will die with, or because of, dementia.