A record of my appointments with health and social care professionals

My name:
My telephone number:
Who to contact if I need support:
Name: Telephone number:
Relationship to me:

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Together we are help & hope for everyone living with dementia

When you have dementia, you may get support from a number of different professionals. This booklet will help you to keep a record of the appointments you have with them.

There are likely to be many health and social care professionals involved in your support. These could include:

- doctors
- support workers
- care assistants
- social workers
- nurses
- occupational therapists.

It can be confusing to keep track of all of the different professionals you meet, and what advice they give. Sometimes when you're talking to a professional it can be difficult to remember the questions you wanted to ask.

My appointments can help you to keep all this information in one place.



It sounds quite good, really, because I was thinking, "Gosh, when did I first go to see this?" and "When did I go to that?" and "Who was at that?" I think I'd like something like [this booklet]. It would be very helpful for me and my husband, and others who would be looking after me.

Person living with dementia

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What is My appointments for?

This booklet has space on pages 3-29 to write questions or notes:

- before an upcoming appointment
- during an appointment as you talk to the professional
- after an appointment to keep a record of what was said or done.

On page 2 you can find suggested instructions on completing the pages, but you can use this booklet however works best for you. Different things work for different people.

You can complete the pages yourself, or ask someone else – like a family member, or the professional – to do it for you.

You might want to keep the booklet in one place at home – for example, in a particular drawer. This can help you to find the book when you need to write something down.

Be aware that other people visiting you may see the booklet, so only write in it what you are comfortable for other people to know.

If you would prefer to take notes on a phone, tablet or laptop, you can also download a digital copy of this booklet from our website. Go to **alzheimers.org.uk/myappointments** to get your copy.



In my opinion, for what it's worth, I think it's a first-class piece of work and I wish I had it [when my wife was diagnosed]. Because if you said to me now "Who did you deal with?", I haven't got a clue.

Carer for a person living with dementia

How to fill in the pages

Use one page for each appointment. The section at the top of each page has space to put down the date, time and location of the appointment, as well as what it's about. You could also ask the professional for a photo to include here, if this would help you to recognise them in future.

The next section can be used to record details of the person you are meeting. You should note down their phone number or email address, in case you or someone else needs to contact them again.

In the following section, you can write down any questions you want to ask the professional you are meeting with. You can then use this as a reminder during the appointment.

At the bottom of the page, there is space to note down what was discussed during the meeting. You can complete this or the professional can fill it in for you. You can also make a note here of anything you need to follow up on after the appointment.

If you need another copy

You may run out of pages to fill in. If this is the case, you can order another copy of **My appointments** for free. To do this, you can:

- email us at orders@alzheimers.org.uk
- use our online order form alzheimers.org.uk/orderpublications
- call us on 0300 303 5933.



I work with memory clinic teams and we provide postdiagnostic support. The [appointments] book is so helpful for [people with dementia] to make sense of who's visiting and why, and record notes in one place.

Professional working in dementia care







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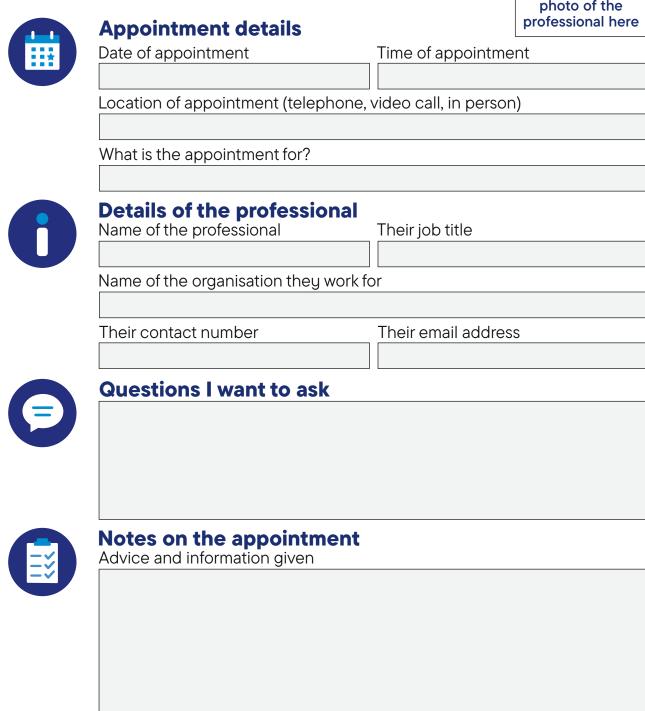
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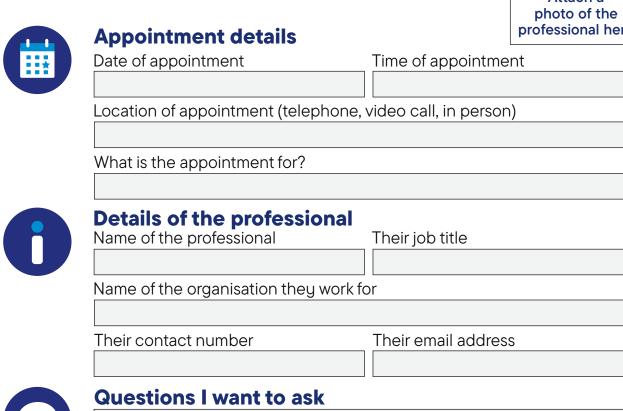
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Online

Visit **alzheimers.org.uk/getsupport** for online advice and support whenever you need. Here, you'll find information on any aspect of dementia and the option to download or order what you need from our wide range of publications.

You can also connect to others affected by dementia on our Dementia Support Forum (**forum.alzheimers.org.uk**), and search for services in your area using our dementia directory at **alzheimers.org.uk/dementiadirectory**



Phone

You can contact our Dementia Support Line by calling **0333 150 3456** seven days a week. If you speak Welsh, call our Welsh-speaking support line on **03300 947 400**. Our dementia advisers are available to listen, give support and advice, and connect you to help you need in your local area. They can send out information that's right for you via email or post.

If you have speech or hearing difficulties and have a textphone or an adapted computer, you can use **Text Relay** to call our English-speaking dementia support line on **18001 0300 222 1122**.

Lasting power of attorney digital assistance service

We offer a Lasting power of attorney digital assistance service to help people living with dementia create LPAs online. If you don't have access to the internet, we can help you to create an LPA through a series of telephone appointments. The service does not provide legal advice. Call us on **0333 150 3456**.



Face-to-face services

Our local dementia advisers and volunteers can meet you to offer further support, advice and information. They can also connect you to other face-to-face services in your area.

These include Singing for the Brain®, activity groups and peer support for people with dementia, and information and support groups for carers.

Get involved

Alzheimer's Society has a range of different ways to find out more about our activities, get involved and influence our work. This includes opportunities to help other people affected by dementia using your experiences.

Read our magazine

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Share your thoughts and ideas

You can take part in regular chats and other opportunities to share your experiences and interests with our Dementia Voice programme. Go to **alzheimers.org.uk/dementiavoice** to find out more about how you can help shape our work to make a better world for people with dementia.

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