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Australia injects $38.5 M to support dementia patients

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To help address critical gaps to support national dementia policy



Australia is set to establish a new National Centre for Monitoring Dementia to improve the care for those suffering from the condition along with $25.5 million for new research.

Marking Dementia Australia week (20Ã¢â?¬â??26 September 2021), the government is providing $13 million in funding to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to establish the National Centre, to routinely monitor dementia care in Australia. Funding will help address critical gaps to support national dementia policy and service provision.

A further $25.5 million is also being made available under the government’s Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care (DAAC) Mission including the release of a comprehensive roadmap and implementation plan.

Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt said “The research will improve the quality of life for Australians as they age, reduce stigma associated with dementia and enable better outcomes for older people."

The DAAC Mission Roadmap is a high-level strategic document that includes the aim, vision, goals and priorities for investment for the $185 million Mission.

Lifting the quality of dementia care is one of the key drivers of Australia's $17.7 billion plan to reform aged care, which includes a $229.4 investment in reforms specific to improving the quality of life and care for people living with dementia.

The week of awareness has also been marked by the release of the Dementia in Australia 2021 Report, a benchmark study by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).