**The impact of comorbidity on the quality of life of people with dementia: findings from the IDEAL study**

People living with dementia may also be living with other health problems that have an impact on their well-being. We asked 1,547 people with dementia taking part in the IDEAL study to tell us about the number and type of health conditions they currently have. The majority of people were living with more than one health condition. Hypertension (high blood pressure) was a common condition and was often present alongside other problems such as connective tissue disease (joint pain and weakness), diabetes, and depression. We also asked people to tell us about their quality of life, both related to their health and related to life in general. Having a good quality of life means you are happier and healthier. We found that people with more different health conditions rated their quality of life less positively than people with fewer health conditions. This was particularly so for people with 5 or more health conditions. There are particular challenges for people with dementia living with a number of health conditions, and these people may require greater support with additional care or better care planning.