

# Overview of the Dementia Post-diagnostic Landscape

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# Priority Area in National Dementia Strategy

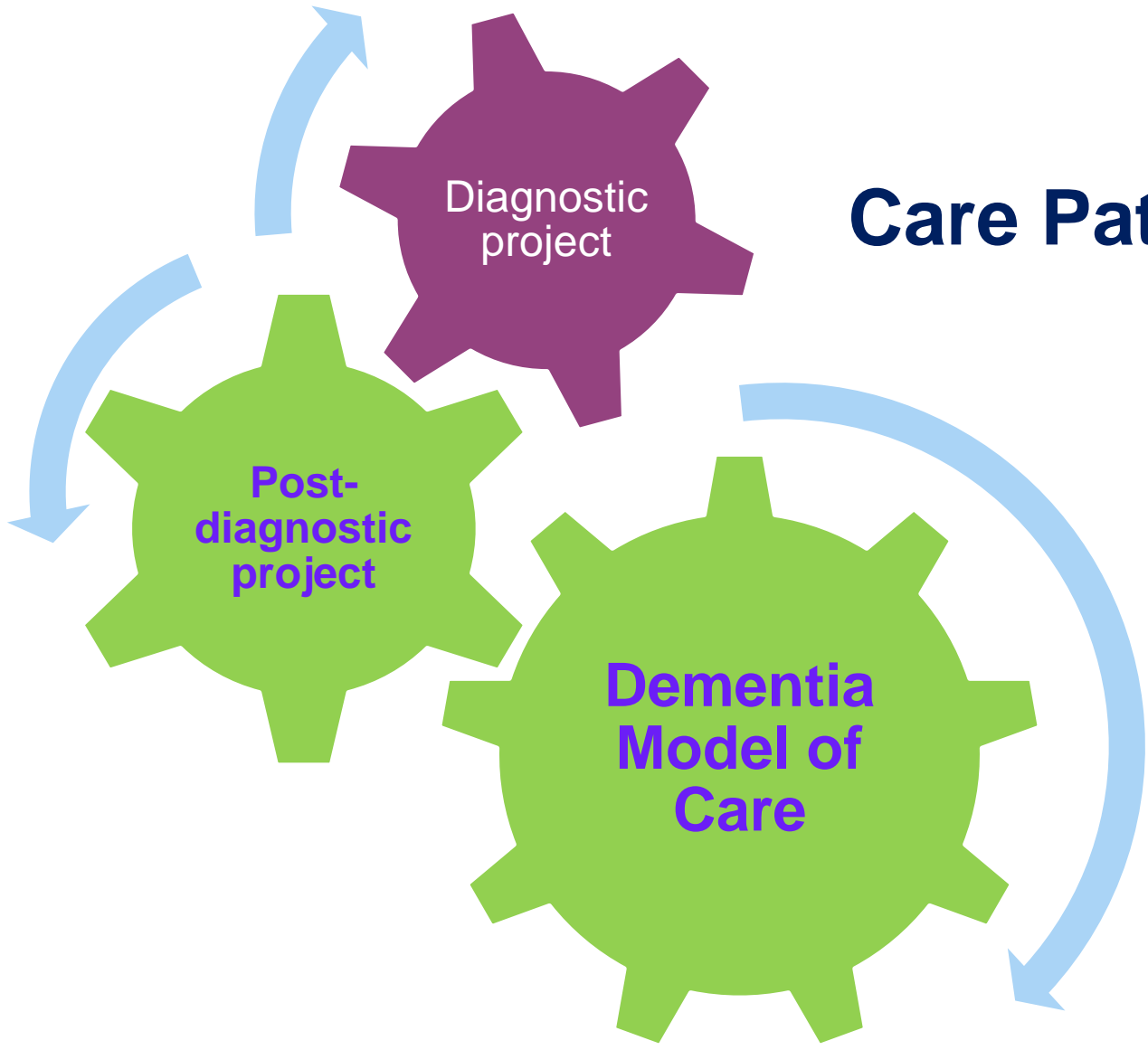
The Health Service Executive will develop a National and Local Dementia Care Pathway to describe and clearly signpost the optimal journey through the system from initial presentation with worrying symptoms, through to diagnosis, including levels of intervention appropriate to need at any given time.

- Following a diagnosis, people with dementia and their carers know where to seek help or support, who to talk to about accessing services or entitlements and where to go for information.
- Availability of a range of flexible, community-based supports that draw on and integrate community and voluntary organisations and mainstream services as well as health and social care services.

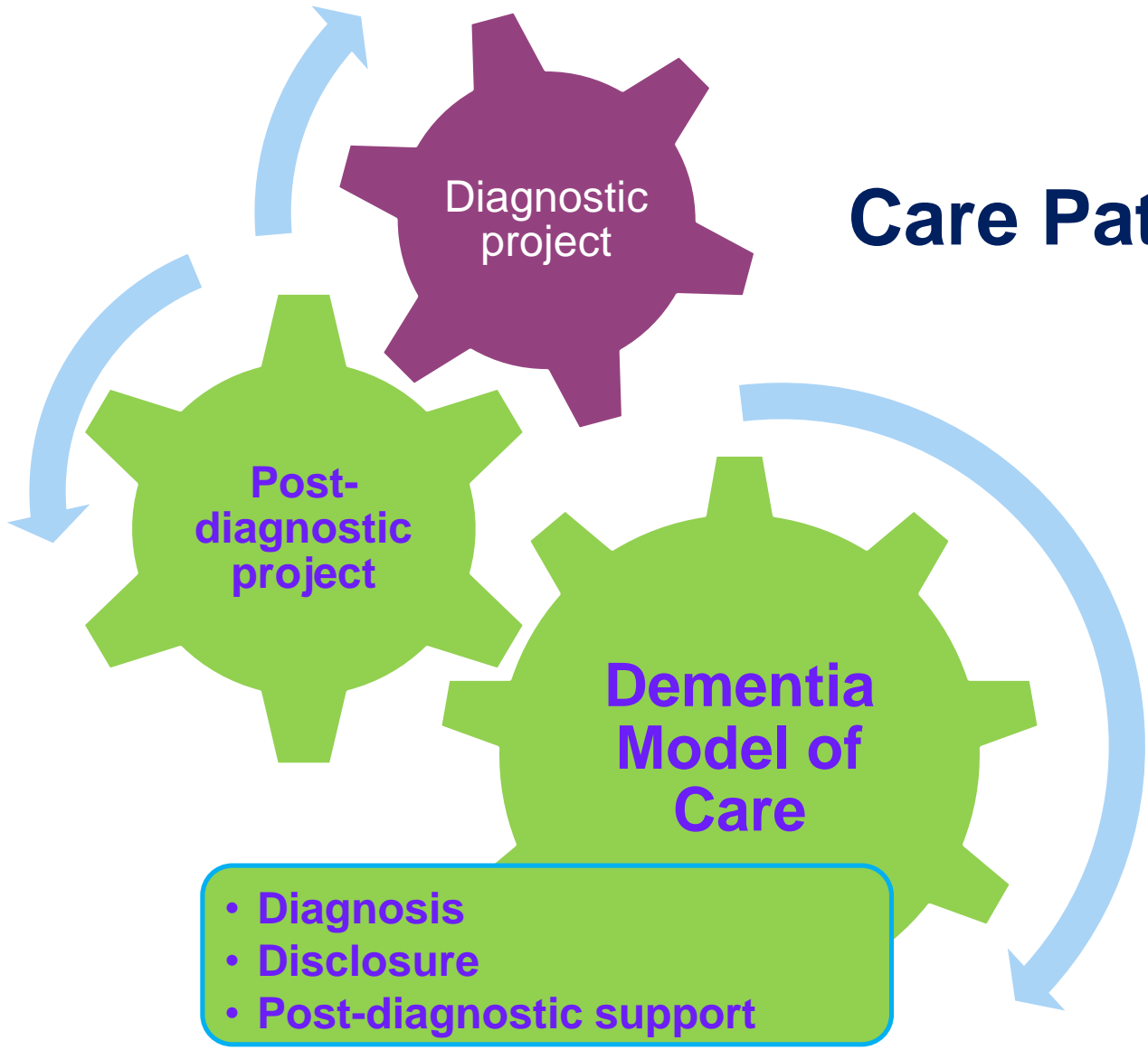
# 2017 Summary of Dementia-specific Services in the Community

- The findings show that there were significant gaps in service provision and inconsistency of availability of different services by both county and CHO area.
- Low levels of early intervention for people living with dementia.
- Dementia day care was the most common service provided across the country.
- Low levels of dementia inclusive activities – with centres of activities and some areas with none.
- C&V sector main provider of dementia-specific community service provision.

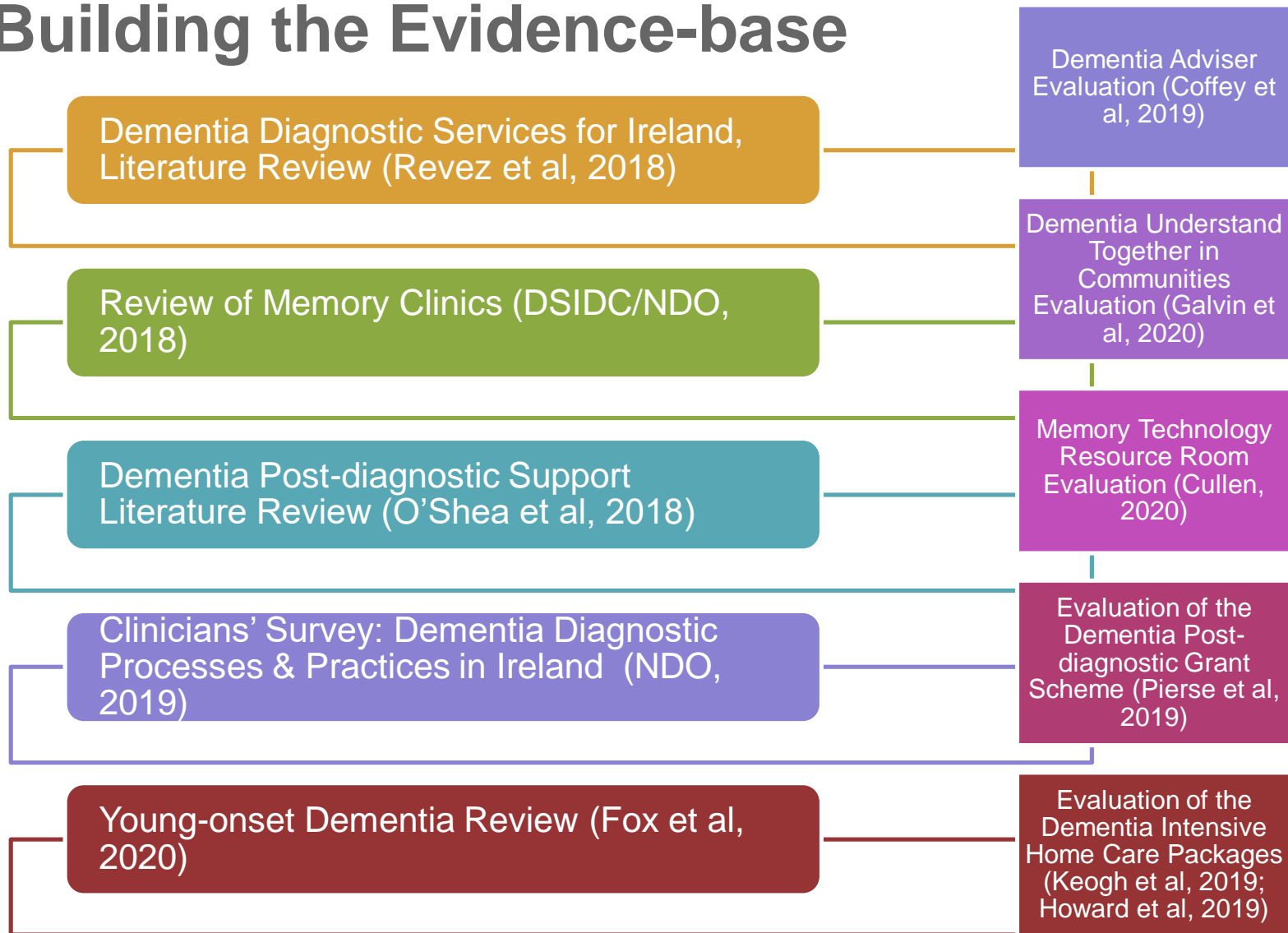
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# Building the Evidence-base

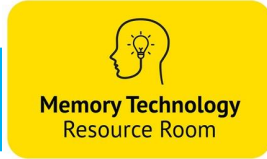


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## Memory Technology Resource Room

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HSE Memory Technology Rooms – Updated August 2018

### CHO 1 – 3 Locations

- Leitrim – St Patrick's CH
- Donegal – PC Centre Letterkenny
- Cavan/Monaghan – PC Building, Cootheill

### CHO 2 – 3 Locations

- Mayo – St Marys Hospital, Castlebar
- Roscommon – Boyle PCCC
- Galway - Loughrea

### CHO 3 – 3 Locations

- Clare – St Joseph's Ennis
- Limerick – St Camillus CH
- North Tipp- Thurles

### CHO 4 – 4 Locations

- Kerry Tralee DDC
- Killarney
- Cork – Mallow PCCC
- Cork – St Finabarr's Hosp

### CHO 9 – 2 Locations

- St. Mary's Hosp, Phoenix Park D20
- Willow Day Hospital Dublin 9

### CHO 8 – 5 Locations

- Louth – Netwell Centre Dundalk
- Louth – Drogheda Health Centre
- Meath – Navan Day Hospital
- Laois/Offaly
- Longford/Westmeath- Mullingar

### CHO 7 – 1 Location & 7 mobile kits

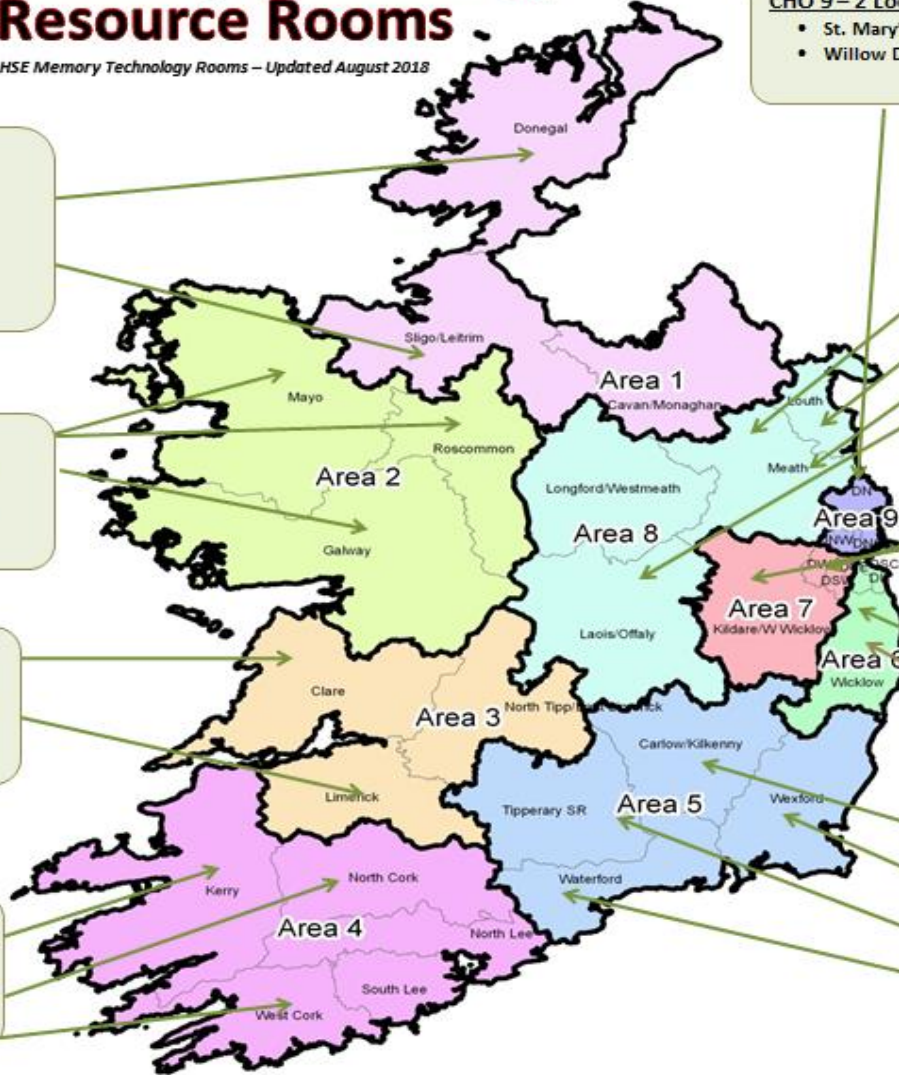
- Dublin West - Ballyfermot PCCC
- 7 x Outreach Kits

### CHO 6 – 3 Locations

- Dublin South – Clonskeagh
- Wicklow
- Co Dublin - St. Columcille's

### CHO 5 – 6 Locations

- Kilkenny - St. Columba'
- Carlow - Sacred Heart
- Tipperary - STGH Clonmel
- Waterford - St Patrick's
- Waterford- Dungarvan
- Wexford – New Ross





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# dementia

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[www.understandtogether.ie](http://www.understandtogether.ie)

We are growing a **movement** of  
**people taking action**

to create **understanding and inclusive  
communities**

where people with dementia and their families are  
**respected, supported and connected.**



# Network of partners and champions across Ireland

- Over 40 National Partner Organisations
- More than 340 Community Champions

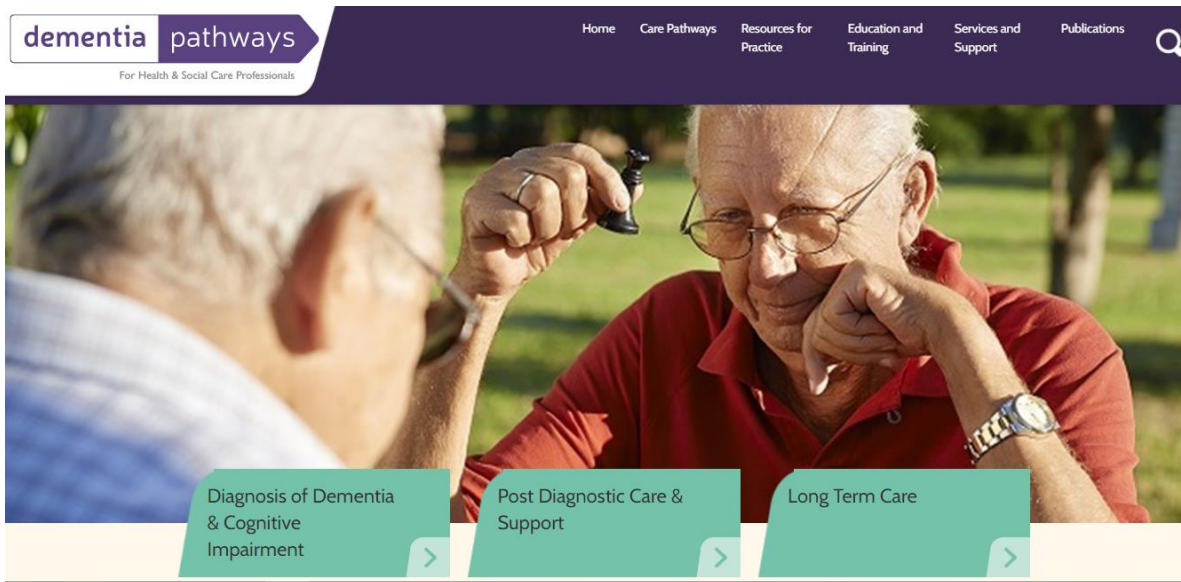
are taking actions to make communities inclusive and inspiring others to get involved



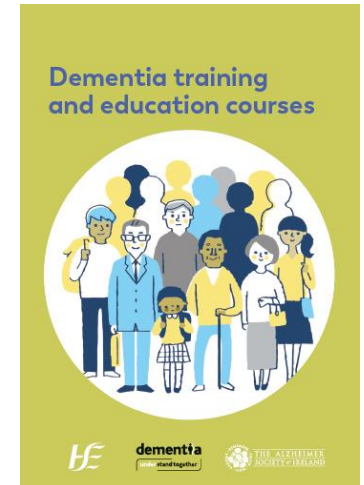
# Resources



The screenshot shows the dementia website homepage. At the top left is the dementia logo with the tagline "understand together". To the right, there is a helpline number "1800 341 341" and a search bar. A navigation bar below the header contains links for Home, About dementia, Get support, Get involved, Training & resources, and Lets talk dementia. The main content area features the heading "What is dementia?" followed by the text "Dementia is caused by different diseases of the brain" and a brain icon. Below this, it states "These diseases affect the parts of the brain which are normally used for learning, memory & language" and includes a "Learn more about it" button.



The screenshot shows the dementia pathways website. The header includes the dementia logo and the word "pathways" in a dark blue box, with the tagline "For Health & Social Care Professionals". Navigation links include Home, Care Pathways, Resources for Practice, Education and Training, Services and Support, and Publications. The main image shows an elderly man playing chess. Below the image are three teal buttons with white text and right-pointing arrows: "Diagnosis of Dementia & Cognitive Impairment", "Post Diagnostic Care & Support", and "Long Term Care".



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