The 8 Pillars Model of Community Support

The 8 Pillars Model will build the resilience of people with dementia and their carers to enable them to live in the community for as long as possible. It builds on the one year post-diagnostic support guarantee, to ensure the impact of the investment in early intervention is not lost.

Each factor of the illness influences every other factor, and impacts on the overall health and wellbeing of the person and his or her carer. Excess disability is created when people with dementia do not receive appropriate care and treatment for the symptoms of the illness. Without the right support, there is a gap between how people actually function and how they could potentially function. The 8 Pillars Model will provide each person with the best possible support to live in their own home.