



# School of Health Professions

## After Work Lectures

### Advance Care Planning in Dementia

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### **Karen Harrison Dening**

Karen Harrison Dening has qualifications in mental health, learning disability and general nursing. She is specialised in working with people with dementia and their families when old age psychiatry became a focused service in its own right. She became Consultant Admiral Nurse in North London and more recently the Director of Admiral Nursing. With an interest in palliative and end of life care for families affected by dementia she works collaboratively with both the National Council for Palliative Care and Marie Curie UK to develop policy and guidance. Her research interests are palliative and end of life care in dementia, advance care planning, practice development and the articulation of expertise in nursing. She is currently undertaking doctorate studies at University College London in advance care planning in dementia.

### **Advance Care Planning in Dementia**

Advance care planning aims to support the wishes and preferences of people with dementia when making end of life care decisions. However if an advance care plan has not been formed, once the person with dementia loses capacity, it is often left to a family carer to indicate what these might have been. This lecture, through the presentation of doctoral studies will examine the existing evidence base for advance care planning in dementia and early findings as to how well carers can predict the choices that the person with dementia would make. This will all be set in the context of the practitioner role of Admiral Nursing, specialist dementia nurses for families affected by dementia.

*Eine Zusammenfassung der After Work Lecture in deutscher Sprache steht zur Verfügung.*

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