What?
CLAHRC researchers conducted a systematic review of the scientific literature to examine the attitudes and preferences of the general public, health care professionals, people with dementia and their carers, towards screening for dementia.

Who?
As the UK population becomes older the risk of developing dementia increases. The Department of Health estimates that 45% of patients who might meet the criteria for dementia do not receive a formal diagnosis or receive it too late to be clinically useful.

Why?
Systematic population-level screening (a process of identifying a condition amongst a population of apparently healthy individuals) has been suggested as a possible process to enable early detection of dementia in people who may be at increased risk.
What is NIHR CLAHRC East of England?

The National Institute for Health Research Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) East of England is a five year programme of applied health and social care research which focuses on the needs of people with complex problems, often vulnerable, when multiple agencies are involved in their care: young people, frail older people, those with dementia, learning disabilities, acquired brain injuries or mental ill health.

The CLAHRC East of England collaboration encompasses some thirty-six organisations, with research hubs in the Universities of Cambridge, Hertfordshire and East Anglia working closely with individuals and organisations involved in the whole care pathway.

Service users and carers are at the heart of what we do, in parallel with an ambitious public health research programme. Co-production and collaboration at all stages of the research process are fundamental to making a positive impact through applied health research.

References

Two papers have been prepared; one has been accepted by BMC Geriatrics:


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