



# MakingSpace

Health & Social Care Services

**Dementia Law Clinic**

# About Making Space


We are a national charity and leading provider of adult health and social care services.

We have been helping adults with care and support needs, and their carers, to lead independent and fulfilling lives for more than 35 years.

Our high quality, person-centred services and accommodation support adults of all ages, with a diverse range of needs, including:

- Mental health conditions
- Learning disabilities
- Dementia
- Older people with age-related concerns

We provide services in the heart of local communities, in the comfort of people's own homes, and specialist care and support services.



The people we support, and their families, are at the heart of everything we do

# The Dementia Space Central Team

- Consultant Admiral Nurse

Kathryn Penrith



- Dementia Development Coordinator

Rachel Yates



- Dementia Project Worker

Micheál McLaughlin



# Law Clinic Structure



# What Can We Help With?

- Advance Decisions (previously known as Advance Directives) to refuse treatment
- Community Care Assessments
- Continuing Healthcare
- Court of Protection
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)
- Disputes of Best Interests for those who lack capacity
- Disputes of Mental Capacity
- Legal Power of Attorney (LPA)
- Provision of care (in relation to care homes)
- Trust and Inheritance probate

# Manchester University

“When someone attends a one-to-one consultation at the Dementia Law Clinic, we will discuss their case with them, clarifying the facts and legal issues. A letter of advice will then be sent out within two weeks”



Neil Allen, Making Space Trustee, Barrister and University Law lecturer is one of the legal supervisors.

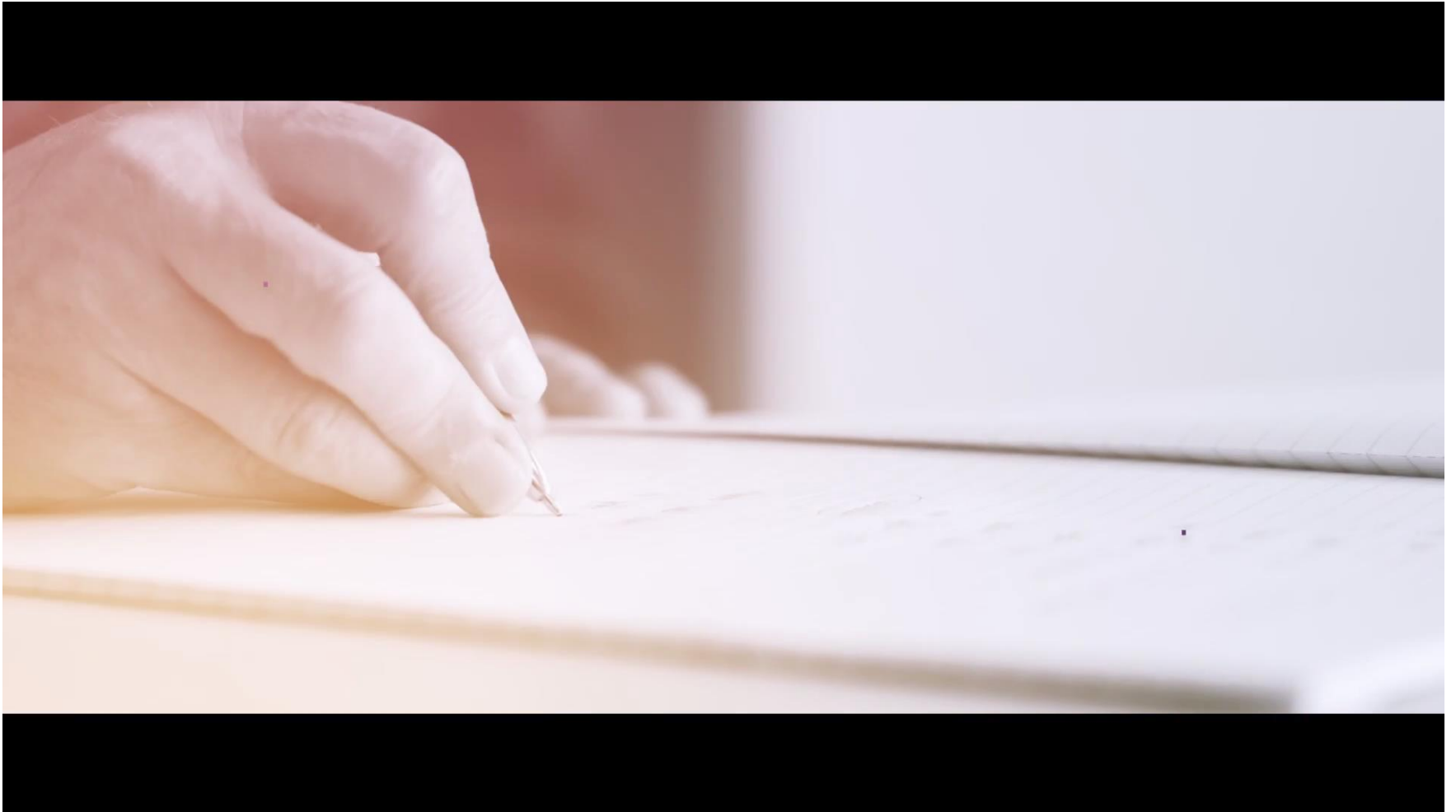
# Benefits to students

Dementia  
training

Better  
understanding  
of the law

Developing  
interpersonal  
skills

# Skype Video

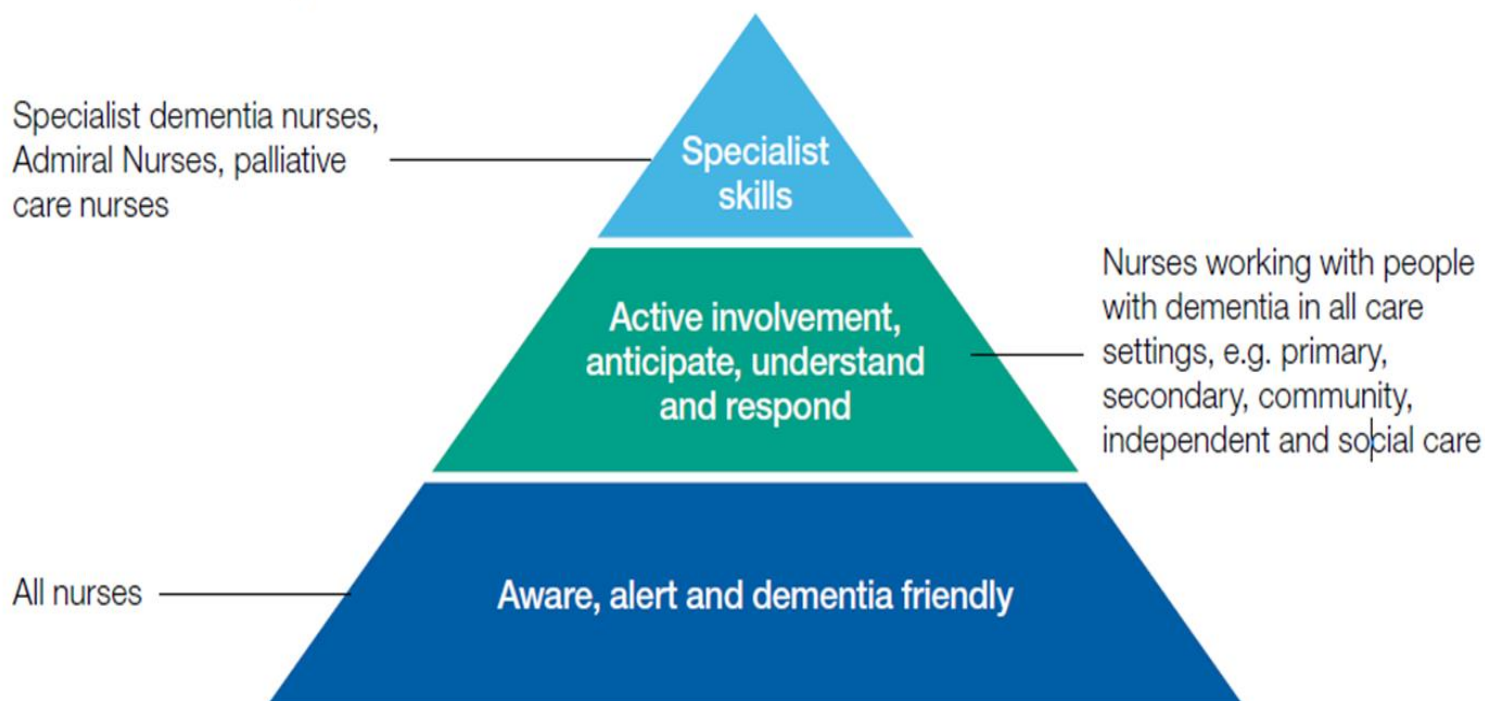




# Dementia UK

## Making a Difference in Dementia: Nursing Vision and Strategy (2016)

### Levels of nursing involvement



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dementia-nursing-vision-and-strategy>

# Why Admiral Nursing?

## Positive outcomes for families affected by dementia

- Improved outcomes for family carers
  - ✓ Lower levels of depression and anxiety in caring role
  - ✓ Better access to information and supports
  - ✓ Higher satisfaction in caring for family member with dementia
- Improved outcomes for people with dementia
  - ✓ Improved well-being and quality of life
  - ✓ Better access to services and care
- Reduced General Practitioner call outs
- Reduced inappropriate acute hospital admissions
- Reduced use of formal social care services
- Delayed transition into care homes
- Better support for generalist professionals

# Clinic Facilitators

## Making Space Dementia Associates – Clinic Facilitators

- Trained in providing Person Centred support
- SKYPE support
- Environmental checklist
- Communication & Wellbeing Appointment



Our Dementia Associates

# Statistics

Over **120 Families** have been supported since beginning the pilot two years ago, from a one day a week clinic.

**130 Legal students** have participated in Dementia Clinic cases in total.

**157 Students** have been specially trained to take part in Dementia Clinic cases – started in 16/17.

**8 of the over 120** clients seen were lawyer only appointments, the rest were student led.

Dementia UK has provided a dedicated helpline nurse to develop the clinic

# Feedback

It was in a place I know which made it less stressful

It was friendly

Without the law clinic I wouldn't have had a clue what to do

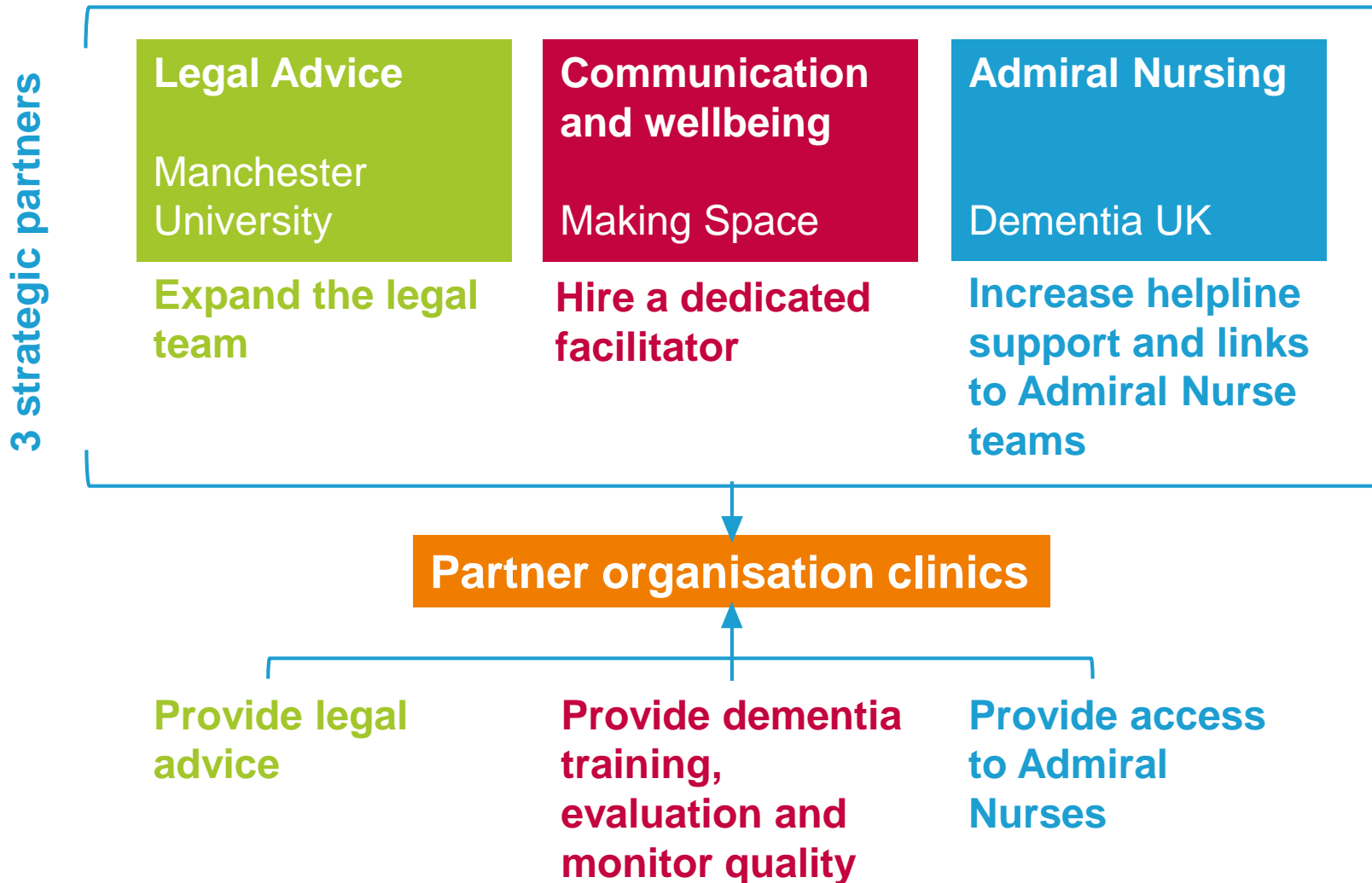
The information they gave me was appropriate and the advice was easy to follow



# Barriers

- Technology
- Capacity
- Set-up process
- Environmental
- Clinic access variable
- Marketing

# Moving forwards into 2018



**Thank you**