**Sample Q&A**

What are delusions? False beliefs that are unshakeable even when evidence to the contrary is produced

How common are they in Dementia? Up to 70% of people with Dementia have some sort of delusion. There are a variety of delusions that people with Dementia can hold for example, infidelity of a partner or that someone is trying to hurt them. Beliefs that people are stealing from them is the most common delusion.

How many are affected in the UK today? 850,000 rising to over 1 million by 2025

How do they affect sufferers and families? Causes distress and paranoia for sufferers. Frustrations, stress and conflict for carers.

Is there a cure? What are the treatments? No cure just management. Anti-psychotics can be prescribed but just reduce symptoms. These drugs can be stigmatising and have serious side-effects.

What are the predictable outcomes for sufferers? Reduces support by informal carers due to accusations. More likely to entry formal care prematurely