

Dementia Awareness Week 14th to 20th May 2017



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What is your role at RICE?

I am one of the doctors. I see patients who attend the Memory Clinic and also those taking part in clinical trials. I have worked at RICE for over 20 years.

Over the years do you feel that attitudes towards dementia have changed? If so, in what way?

People now talk about dementia much more openly. To a large extent this is because there is so much more in the media. Famous people and celebrities have talked about having dementia and this has helped.

What is a typical day in your role?

Every day is different and always busy. Normally in the morning I see study patients, these are patients involved in clinical trials as RICE is looking at new treatments in development which can be given in addition to some of the standard treatments. Normally in the afternoon I see people in the Memory Clinic, assessing their memory, diagnosing them, starting treatment if appropriate and then monitoring their treatment.

What impact do you feel the Dementia Plus Appeal will have on your role?

We now see a lot more patients than when we first moved here so having more space to see people will be good. The RICE Centre is a lovely building,

the patients come in here and feel at ease and relaxed. Having more space will mean that we can increase our research work which is so important.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your role?

I really enjoy seeing the patients and their families, talking to them and being able to discuss their problems. Once my patients start talking about their memory problems then they can learn to live with them and see the positive and not the negative side of things.

Once a patient is diagnosed how often do you then see them here at RICE?

It varies, if we start people on treatment we see them quite regularly and if they go on to do any of our research projects and clinical trials then we will see them more regularly.

What does Dementia Awareness Week mean to you?

It is a great opportunity to increase awareness nationally and get people to be more open about it.

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