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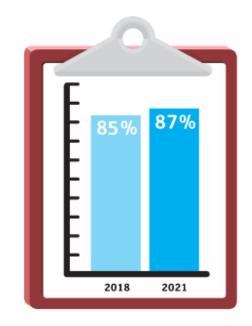






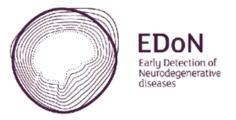
### Are the public keen to know?

• The diseases that cause dementia start in the brain up to **two decades** before symptoms show.



Would take the test.

Would take a test, or set of tests, that could tell whether they were in the very early stages of Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, even before any symptoms appeared



### The power of digital data

Subtle changes or 'clues' in our everyday lives:





### Why is this important?



Encourage lifestyle changes



Identify the right people for clinical trials



Understand disease processes



Test new treatments early



#### The Vision of EDoN

To combine digital and clinical data from thousands of volunteers across the world to develop a digital toolkit to identify people at risk of dementia 10-15 years earlier than we can today.

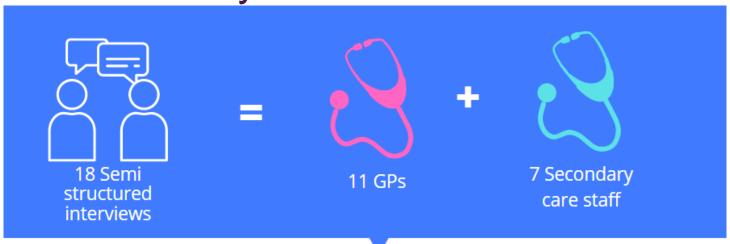






## **Healthcare Professionals:**

Key considerations







The current dementia pathway



Opinions on early detection & use of digital tech



Challenges to implementation





## 3 categories of concern



#### 1. Patients

- Target group
- Health disparities
- Impact of early detection



# 2. Healthcare professionals

- Current clinical pathway
- Governance
- Burden
- Acceptance
- Dissemination of results



#### 3. Digital tool

- Accuracy & feasibility
- Technology appraisals





# 4 key considerations...



Evidence of accuracy & all necessary appraises

"if we're talking about screening, there are very few forms of screening that actually survive [NICE] scrutiny"



Current clinical pathway & impact on workload

"Unfortunately, we don't have the workforce in secondary care to manage that demand"



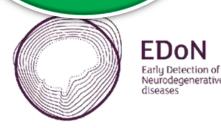
Training & support for both patients & staff with intervention options



"apprehensive about giving out a device that churns out a random number and I had no idea about how it was kind of calculating it"

"we don't have any tests for people with learning disabilities or dyslexia"







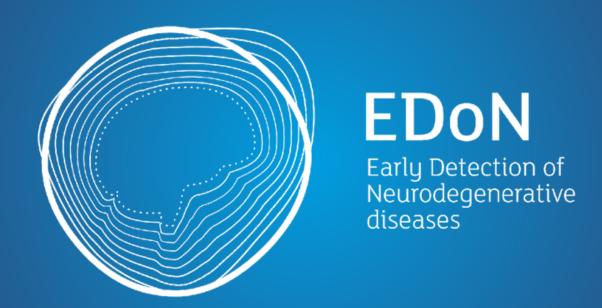




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# Thank you!



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