



A Dementia Friendly Society – A dementia plan for the Faroe Islands April 2015

The dementia plan for the Faroe Islands 2015 advises to make the Faroe Islands a dementia friendly society. Conditions for making this a reality is to provide people and authorities with information and knowledge, which will make the society more dementia friendly. In addition to this, it will result in people with dementia feeling more welcome in the Faroe Islands.

Furthermore, the dementia plan underlines that it is important that we learn from each other, and that we focus on a point of departure in campaigns presented to improve conditions for people with dementia, and also that we develop and expand these campaigns. In addition to this, the dementia plan proposes that we have to make use of the many technical breakthroughs, and let them support the dementia care in the future.

In addition to this, it is important that we arrange dementia care in a teamwork, which includes people with dementia, their relatives, volunteers and authorities. This also leads to a versatile proposition, which in addition is capable of facing the challenge for years to come when continuously more people in our society are diagnosed with dementia.

The dementia plan focuses on seven specific areas, which are in need of extra work and function as a stepping-stone to make the Faroe Islands a dementia friendly society. These areas are:

- Organization and cooperation
- Diagnose assessment
- The social professional stake
- The study of law and dementia
- Relatives
- Education
- Research and information

All of these areas are very important for a person diagnosed with dementia, since the person with dementia is the focal point in these seven areas.

Lastly, the dementia plan's utmost focus is that we are all a part of the Faroese society, which also includes people with dementia, and therefore it is very important to make the Faroe Islands dementia friendly.

The dementia plan is written by a work group, which was appointed in the fall of 2013 by the Minister in Health and the Minister in social affairs.