

CLAHRC PhD Sarah Robertson is focusing on the quality of life of people living with dementia. Part of Sarah's work compares the perspective of paid and family carers in quality of life. In a [blog published on the Economic and Social Research Council website](#) Sarah discusses the views of care home staff and relatives.

Quality of life in dementia: are the views of care home staff and relatives the same?

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Sarah Robertson is a PhD student with funding from the NIHR Collaborations in Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care. Sarah has been working as part of the Managing Agitation Raising Quality of Life (MARQUE) team at UCL and this work inspired her thesis comparing the perspective of paid and family carers in quality of life.

In 2012, the UK government announced that in the face of "one of the biggest health challenges ever" that it was time to "fight back". These challenges were presented by dementia which to this day, remains a public and political priority. In the same year, David Cameron launched his first Dementia Challenge. In response, the ESRC and NIHR pledged £9 million towards Improving Dementia Care and a number of large research projects were funded to support the shared global objective of enabling people to live well with dementia.