Further reading on dementia.

This is not a fully comprehensive list of all the literature on dementia but a resource for members to support evidence based practice. Please contact karin.tancock@cot.co.uk to suggest further materials that should be considered for inclusion on this list.

The library provides an overview of key readings through hOT topics, including dementia and older people and can be found on the website at: http://www.cot.org.uk/hot-topics/hot-topics

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