Projected increase in numbers of people with dementia for the years 2000 – 2025

Totals for all countries:
- 2000 18 million
- 2025 34 million
Research priorities

- Consumer network brainstorm every 2 years
- 3 themes remain

**Cause**
- Basic science research
- Epidemiological research on risk factors
- Mechanism of disease progression
- Resources for basic research – brain bank

**Cure**
- Development of new and evaluation of existing drugs
- Stem cell research
- Early and better diagnosis
- Alternative and complementary therapy

**Care**
- Alleviation of distressing behavioural symptoms
- Quality of life
- Dementia specific training for health care staff at all levels
- Future needs for NHS pertaining to dementia
‘I like Martin Luther King’s: “I have a Dream.” I may not see the promised land, but I’d like to think in the next eighteen months research will have made more progress. Only research can prevent the lives of our children being destroyed by this bloody illness, excuse the French.”