



The Dementia Clinic

Working together to increase
access to quality care

The Dementia Clinic offers a high-quality, person-centred dementia assessment service. This not for profit paid-for service is designed to reduce waiting times for individuals experiencing symptoms of dementia, ensuring timely diagnosis and support. The Dementia Clinic operates independently of the NHS - ensuring no impact on NHS capacity - and is delivered in partnership with Here, a not-for-profit healthcare provider.

The service

The Dementia Clinic provides a comprehensive dementia assessment and diagnosis pathway, with a strong emphasis on post-diagnostic support.

The service includes:

- Clinical assessment and diagnosis by experienced healthcare professionals from Here.
- Pre-assessment blood testing (if required) to support a more efficient diagnostic process.
- Guided support throughout the referral, assessment and post-diagnosis stages, provided by Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove.
- Clear and transparent pricing, ensuring affordability without hidden costs.
- Fast-tracked access compared to NHS waiting times.

Cost of service

The Dementia Clinic is committed to delivering services at cost to make high-quality assessments accessible. The cost ranges between £1,310 and £1,650 depending on what diagnostics are needed.

Referral process

Patients can access The Dementia Clinic via the following routes:

- Self-referral: Call 01903 792015 or email dementia@ageukwsbh.org.uk
- GP Referral: GPs can refer directly by submitting relevant patient details via email.

Upon registration, clinicians will review whether appropriate blood tests have been conducted within the past six months. If the results are still valid, there is no need for another test. For those without recent blood test results, testing can be arranged before assessment.

Eligibility criteria

- Aged 65 or over
- Symptoms present for at least six months
- No history of a learning disability diagnosis

Exclusions:

- Recent infection (past 3 months)
- Stroke within the last 6 months
- Significant head injury (past 12 months)
- Alcohol consumption above 14 units per week

Safeguarding considerations

- Patients will receive full financial transparency before committing to an assessment.
- The Dementia Clinic ensures all individuals have the capacity to understand and make informed decisions.
- Patients are reminded of free NHS dementia assessments and supported to choose the most appropriate pathway.
- Emotional support is provided to ensure individuals feel prepared and not pressured into proceeding.

Contact us

For further information or to make a referral, contact **01903 792 015** or **dementia@ageukwsbh.org.uk**