**Scottish Government Invitation:**

**National Dementia Dialogue 2016: Have Your Say**

**Friday 29 January 2016**

**“The Brunton”, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh**

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| Scotland’s second 3 year National Dementia Strategy<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0042/00423472.pdf> was  launched in 2013 with the aim of continuing to improve diagnosis rates and post-diagnostic support, ensuring  the highest quality of care and support for people with dementia at every stage of the illness,  improving service response in acute care and supporting the growth of dementia-friendly communities.    The Scottish Government is now reviewing the progress of strategy and a 3rdNational Dementia Strategy for  Scotland will be produced in 2016.    **This is a free event** and is an opportunity for all interested parties across Scotland to comment on the progress  of the strategy to date, identify the gaps, opportunities and priorities and to help shape the direction  of the next strategy. If you have experience of dementia - as a person diagnosed, a family member, carer,  or as a health, social care or housing professional or service manager and commissioner –  we particularly welcome your views and participation at this event. |
| **Event Objectives**    We have arranged this event:         For people to discuss the progress of the current strategy and help identify the key priorities which  will inform the direction of the next strategy, including an enhanced focus on advanced and palliative care.          For people with dementia, carers (family members, partners and friends) to talk in small groups to discuss  sw with others their views on the quality of services and how they can be improved to meet their needs.           For staff who may have a responsibility for implementing the strategy to discuss issues for implementation  and action locally.           For others who have an interest in this area (researchers, academics, public health professionals etc) to contribute to these discussions and talk about other aspects of Scotland’s overall approach to dementia |
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| **Venue**    “ The Brunton”, East Lothian Council, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh, EH21 6AA |
| <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/directory_record/153786/musselburgh_area_office>    **Booking**  To book your space today please email:  [NationalDementiaDialogue2015@gov.scot](mailto:NationalDementiaDialogue2015@gov.scot)by Friday 22 January 2016  **Places will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis**. All event enquiries should be emailed to:  More information on the event programme will follow. |