

Project title	Exploring the carer's experience of looking after a person diagnosed with primary brain cancer: an exploration of carers' experiences during nurse-led phone interviews for the intervention 'Care-Is'
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Research description	<p>A diagnosis of primary brain cancer is often terminal. As diagnosis is often made after a short symptomatic period, patients and their carers need to make immediate treatment decisions and adjust their lifestyles to deal with functional, emotional or cognitive decline, often with inability to work, drive or participate in productive activities. Most patients experience cognitive decline, propelling the carer into a new role of surrogate decision-maker, assisting with communication, handling medications and managing disabilities.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to gain an understanding of carer's experiences of looking after a person with brain cancer for up to 12 months post diagnosis. Nursing consultations that have been conducted with carers will be analysed thematically.</p> <p>This project will provide us with a better understanding of the experiences of carers who are looking after someone with brain cancer. This understanding will enable us to better support carers through this experience in the future.</p>
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