The group was welcomed by Louise, Lynn and Mark from Quarriers Person Centred Planning Service, who were facilitating the discussion.

1) The group was asked to think of a dream future for isolated older people, particularly around early diagnosis of dementia and post diagnosis support.

The dream future included:
- The GP having a central role in “catching” the people over 65 who’ve not been seen, assessed by GP or others, or attended memory clinics.
2) 2 years on...what is positive and possible?

There’s a Scottish Dementia Strategy – developed from wide consultation.

GP’s are proactive in assessing people in the surgery.

More awareness raising events have taken place, reducing stigma, publicising early warning signs.

The pilot in North Glasgow has been evaluated and is now rolling out.

There are local development plans, which lead on from the Scottish Dementia Strategy.

People are receiving more personalized direct care.

There’s a database developing which picks up over 65’s who haven’t been seen by GP for a while – invitations sent out to invite them for screening.

3) What’s NOW like?

Words were used like –
Postcode lottery
Crisis
Confusion
Lack of consistency and poor resources. There were also pockets of creativity and evidence of good practice.
4) 1 year on....what's positive and possible?

   Database of good practice launched July 2009-03-12

   There’s local dementia for a across GGCHB

   Scottish Dementia Strategy – consultations are in progress

   GP Registers – moved on and reviews underway

   Increase in amount of support for isolated older people.

   Evaluation of Homecare pilot launched

   Volunteers are available in GP’s surgeries:

5) Priorities....
Raising Public awareness:
- “credit card” info cards are widely available
- Dementia week/carers week – events to publicize
- More volunteers via Alzheimer’s Scotland
- Speak to Gerry (phizer) re: more road shows
- Robert to identify a link in each CHP area

Dementia Forum:
- Find out what’s out there – locally and across GGCHB
- Who could be involved and what could be established
- Information sharing purpose

Sharing Information:
- Access to steering group minutes
- Improving communication across the board – how info is fed up and down, and throughout diff localities