Glossary of terms used in the anonymization process

[Person with Alzheimer’s] = replaces the name of the person being cared for in the community with a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease

[Person with Dementia] = replaces the name of the person being cared for in the community with a diagnosis of dementia

[Person with Alzheimer’s/Dementia] = used to replace the name of an individual who had a diagnosis of both A & D

[Carer name] = used to replace instances where the carer has used their own name

[Location] = a named town or city within the UK

[County] = a named county within the UK

If the carer uses a name of a friend or family member where the relationship is clear and relevant, it will be replaced with the description of the relationship between the carer and the person named, e.g [son] or [daughter-in-law]. [Friend] is used instead of a name if the carer has specifically specified their relationship is a friend. If the carer has given a person’s name and it’s unclear what the relationship is, it has been replaced with [name].

Branded organisations have been generalised, e.g. weight watchers changed to [weight loss support group] or Tesco changed to [supermarket], [company], [retailer].

[Community carer] = used to replace the name of a person who helps the person with Alzheimer’s/dementia by visiting their home and assisting with care.

If the carer has used the name of the person with dementia’s doctor, this has been de-identified to [Doctor]

[Country] = used instead of location when a specific country (usually outside the UK) is named

[Capital city] = a capital city in a country outside the UK

[Venue] = used instead of location when a specific place is named to prevent location identification

[Community service] or [Community centre] = a named community support/service organisation or community centre in the UK

[Job role] = used to replace the job title of the carer or person with dementia to protect their identity

[Support group] = a named support group covering a specific location in the UK

[Interviewer name] = replaces the name of the interviewer

[Carer support service] = used to replace the name of a non-profit organisation in the local area specifically to help carers

[Older adult support service] = used to replace the name of a non-profit organisation in the local area specifically to help the elderly or vulnerable adults

[Support worker] = used to replace the name of an employee of a carer support service or community service, both private or non-profit

[Counselling service] = used to replace a regional-specific counselling service not dementia/Alzheimer’s specific

[Community mental health service] = community service, NHS linked, specifically for mental health or dementia

[Medical centre] = replaces a specific doctors surgery

[Homecare provider] = used to de-localise a named private homecare and support service

[??] = word not decipherable