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Daily Mirror

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**Dementia drugs lotto;**

**Doctors 27% less likely to give pills to patients in poorer areas**

**BYLINE:** ANDREW GREGORY

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**DEMENTIA** sufferers in poorer areas of England are 27% less likely to be given medication, according to research.

A University College London team could give no explanation for the inequality - and found no such problem in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

Dr Claudia Cooper said it could be down to the countries' differing health policies, pointing out Scotland and Northern Ireland spend more on health and prescribe more **dementia** **drugs.**

She added: "When access to any treatment is rationed, wealthier patients tend ate to be better-equipped to navigate the healthcare system."

Alzheimer's Society head of policy George McNamara urged NHS England to end to the postcode lottery, adding: "I ss "It is unacceptable that such discrimination should exist in accessing healthcare."

The study looked at 77,000 people diagnosed with **dementia** or getting anti-**dementia** medication between 2002 and 2013. Some 850,000 people in the UK have **dementia**. It costs the economy £26billion a year.

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**Richer patients more likely to get the best drugs to tackle dementia**

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Wealthy **dementia** patients in England are more likely to be prescribed the **drugs** they need as they are likely to push their **doctors** more, a study has suggested.

Researchers found stark differences in the number of patients given access to the **drugs** cholinesterase inhibitors and memantine. These are the only **drugs** recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice) for Alzheimer's disease. Nice recommends cholinesterase inhibitors for mild to moderate instances of the disease and memantine for severe Alzheimer's and some moderate cases.

New analysis of 77,045 patients found that the least deprived patients in England were 27 per cent more likely to be given anti-**dementia drugs** than the most deprived. Prescribing rates in England were consistently lower in more deprived patients compared with Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, where prescribing was not related to deprivation.

The experts concluded: "Four years after the English National **Dementia** Strategy, there is no evidence that the strategy's key objective of reducing treatment inequalities is being achieved. Strategies to offer treatment to more deprived people with **dementia** in England are needed."

The research was published in Age and Ageing.

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**DEMENTIA CARE FOR POOR '27% WORSE'**

**BYLINE:** NICK McDERMOTT

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**DEMENTIA** patients in England's poorest areas are 27 per cent less likely to get medical help than those in richer places.

A study found they face a "postcode lottery" on whether they get key **drugs.**

Researchers at University College London studied anonymous medical records of 77,000 patients.

They found stark differences in the numbers getting prescriptions for cholinesterase inhibitors and memantine, the **drugs** recommended for Alzheimer's by NHS watchdog Nice.

Both improve the symptoms of the disease, though there is no cure yet.

The study found the **rich-poor** divide was unique to England.

Patients elsewhere in the UK enjoy better access to the **drugs.**

Lead researcher Dr Claudia Cooper said richer people may be better at demanding care from their GP.

She said they "tend to be betterequipped to navigate the healthcare system and get around the restrictions". **Dementia** affects 850,000 in the UK.

George McNamara, head of policy at the Alzheimer's Society, said access to medication should be the same in all areas of the country.

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