Anyway, the Daily Mirror, they talk about a simple test to reveal your dementia risk. Yes. The Sun... Sorry, the Mirror claimed that GPs will now be able to look at a patient's history of depression, alcohol intake diet, weight loss and blood pressure and from that will be able to ascertain the quite a high degree of accuracy whether or not somebody is likely to be at risk of developing dementia. This is for

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people between the ages of 60 and 79. They will get 85% accuracy. The older they are, less likely to be accurate. This opens a can of worms. Dementia affects almost 1 million people in Britain and there's no known cure at the moment. I was under the impression that the majority of cases were, they thought, genetic. It can be slowed down, as long as it is caught fast enough. For example, mental and physical exercise and a healthy lifestyle is key, but there's no cure. I this raises the ethical issue as to whether you would want to know. Exactly. They feed into the system your history, things like [‹](https://scout.tveyes.com/)

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depression, stroke, whether you have drunk too much, diabetes, you have an irregular heartbeat, et cetera. They look at this information and they can predict whether you have a likelihood to suffer from dementia or not. Some people may not want to know and whether or not they can do anything about it. Why that stage in someone's life, it depends to what extent they have abused their body or suffered from any of these conditions in the past. The other thing of course is it is great to hear this, obviously it would help people if some treatment could be offered, but the other question is whether the NHS can afford it