People’s care needs in aged care

6 in 7 people in permanent residential aged care have at least one diagnosed mental health or behavioural condition.

Around 1 in 2 people in permanent residential aged care have dementia or depression.

People with dementia have higher care needs.

People born in non-English speaking countries have higher care needs.

The number of people with a high care need has increased over the years.

High care needs are greatest for cognition and behaviour:
- 64% Cognition and behaviour
- 59% Activities of daily living
- 53% Complex health care

Care needs are highest for women regardless of the age group.

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