



### Dehydration is a big problem

After grandma was hospitalized with dehydration I looked into the issue further and found unfortunately her situation wasn't uncommon.

1 in 5

older adults in residential care has lowintake dehydration at any one time

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#### Impact of inadequate hydration

- · Reductions in cognitive ability
- Poor oral health
- Two fold increase in death rate in stroke patients
- Constipation
- Pressure ulcers and sore dry skin
- · Dizziness increasing the risk of falls
- Low blood pressure increasing the risk of falls
- Increased urinary tract infections, Incontinence
- Acute Kidney Injury
- Increased risk of drug interactions and side effects
- Increased risk of clots and heart attacks
- Two fold increase in death rate in stroke patients

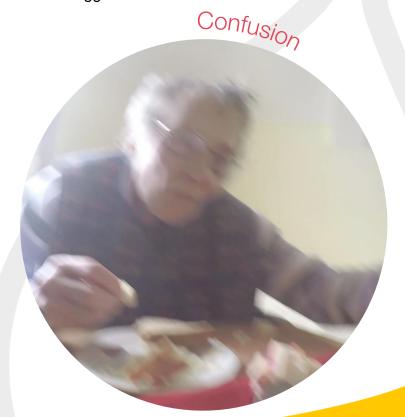
NHS Hydration Toolkit

## Why is this happening?

I spoke with dementia phycologists to understand why many with dementia struggle to drink.

#### Many people with dementia:

- 1. No longer feel thirst
- 2. Don't realise drinking will quenching thirst
- 3. Don't recognise cups for what they are
- 4. Struggle to pick up cups



## Drinking is a challenge

After living in my grandma's care home for a month I observed many behaviors that made drinking difficult - especially the refusal to drink with support.



## Eating is intuitive

Especially finger foods! Removal of cutlery results in fewer distractions. Eating is also more social. Even still, it can sometimes be difficult to encourage people living with dementia to engage with their food.. that is however unless you offer people a treat!





#### Jelly Drops water sweets

With those insights I teamed up with industry leading food scientists to create a solid form of hydration in the format of a treat!



95% water

Added electrolytes

Sugar free (laxative free)

Vegan

**Natural flavours** 

6 month ambient shelf life

Solid texture



#### Jelly Drops story viewed around the world

































































#### Enjoyed by over 50,000 people living with dementia





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Want to share your story with us? Tag your post with #JellyDropStories and we'll feature some of our favourites every week.

#### These sweets are the perfect answer

easier to give than numerous glasses of water during the

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#### Thanks for bringing cheeky laughter back from my mum

the texture, her water intake has increased and she looks says "oh I will be having one



