



Criminal Justice in National Dementia Strategies 2021

Country	National Dementia Strategy	Criminal Justice in Strategy				Notes
		2018	2019	2020	2021	
Cuba	National Dementia Strategy (2016)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Mental impairment and exemption from criminal liability (Penal Code Art. 20; insanity).
England	<u>Living Well with Dementia: A National Dementia Strategy</u> (2009)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Awareness and skills are needed in all sections of the workforce and society, including criminal justice system staff.
Canada	<u>A Dementia Strategy for Canada: Together We Aspire</u> (2019)	N/A	N	N	N	Appendix A: Correctional Service Canada and the unique needs of older persons in federal custody, including those who may have dementia. But does not address the broader population of criminal defendants with dementia who are moving through the justice system prior to conviction.
Chile	<u>Plan Nacional de Demencia</u> (2017-2025)	N	N	N	N	Care for people with dementia in the public and private sectors, including justice and police. Train the judiciary.
Taiwan	Dementia Policy: A Framework for Prevention and Care (2013)	N				
	<u>Dementia Prevention and Care Policy and Action Plan 2.0</u> (2018-2025)		N	N	N	Adheres to the principle of interdisciplinary collaboration on the public health response to dementia: this requires the involvement of all federal departments, including justice.

						Ministry of Justice and National Police Agency should include dementia awareness and friendliness materials: “When people with dementia are involved in legal matters, the relevant authorities should be able to adapt to the situation.” Include dementia-related topics in professional training, including for police and prosecutors.
USA	<u>National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease (2020 Update)</u>	N	N	N	N	Educate legal professionals about working with people with Alzheimer’s and how to most effectively serve this population. 2020 update: Educate law enforcement and other first responders about interacting with people with dementia.
Argentina	National Strategic Plan for a Healthy Brain (2016-2019)	N	N	-	-	
Australia	<u>National Framework for Action on Dementia (2015-2019)</u>	N	N	-	-	
Austria	<u>Dementia Strategy: Living Well with Dementia (2015)</u>	N	N	N	N	Police.
Costa Rica	<u>National Plan (2014-2024)</u>	N	N	N	N	
Cyprus	<u>National Action Plan for Treatment of Dementia in Cyprus 2012-2017</u>				-	
Denmark	<u>Dementia Action Plan 2025</u>				N	
Finland	<u>National Memory Programme (2012-2020)</u>	N	N	N	-	
France	National Plan for “Alzheimer and Related Diseases” (2008-2012)	N				
	<u>Plan Maladies Neuro-Dégénératives (2014-2019)</u>		N	-	-	
Germany	<u>Nationale Demenzstrategie (2020)</u>			N	N	Enhance legal research on laws aimed to improves lives of people with dementia. Train police.

Gibraltar ¹	<u>National Dementia Vision and Strategy for Gibraltar (2015)</u>	N	N	N		
	<u>Gibraltar's National Dementia Strategy (2018-2021)</u>				N	Education and training in dementia care for public sector frontline staff.
Greece	<u>National Action Plan for Dementia-Alzheimer's Disease (2016-2020)</u>	N	N	N	-	Driving: balance freedom of movement with public safety.
Indonesia	<u>National Strategy for the Management of Alzheimer and Other Dementia Diseases (2015)</u>	N	N	N	N	
Ireland	<u>National Dementia Strategy (2011-2016)</u>	-	-	-	-	
Israel	<u>National program for Addressing Alzheimer's Disease and Other Types of Dementia (2013)</u>	N	N	N	N	
Italy	<u>National Dementia Strategy (2014)</u>	N	N	N	N	
Korea, Republic of	<u>National Dementia Plan (2015)</u>				N	Educate service providers at local facilities and institutions (e.g., police stations) about proper techniques to assist people with dementia.
Luxembourg	<u>National Dementia Action Plan (2013)</u>	N	N	N	N	
Malta	<u>Empowering Change: A National Strategy for Dementia in the Maltese Islands (2015-2023)</u>	N	N	N	N	
Mexico	<u>Plan de Acción Alzheimer Y otras Demencias (2014)</u>	N	N	N	N	

¹ A British Overseas Territory.

Netherlands	Deltaplan Dementie 2012-2020					No English translation. (A search for “criminal”, “justice” and “police” in Dutch returned no results).
	National Dementia Strategy 2021-2030				N	Police, in particular, deal with persons with dementia in crisis situations (e.g., in a public space showing confused behaviour).
Northern Ireland	Improving Dementia Services in Northern Ireland: A Regional Strategy (2011)	N	N	N	N	
Norway	Dementia Plan 2015: Making the most of the good days	N	N			
	Dementia Plan 2020: A More Dementia-friendly Society			N	N	
Qatar	National Dementia Plan (2018-2022)		N	N	N	
Puerto Rico ²	Alzheimer’s Disease Action Plan for Puerto Rico 2015-2025: Executive Summary	N	N	N	N	
Scotland	Scotland’s National Dementia Strategy (2017-2020)	N	N	N	-	
Switzerland	Stratégie nationale en matière de démence (2014–2019)	N	N	N	-	
Wales	Dementia Action Plan for Wales (2018-2022)	N	N	N	N	

² A territory of the United States.

Our review of the following strategies were inconclusive:

Czech Republic	National Plan (2016-2019)	No English translation. (A search for “criminal” and “police” in Czech returned no results).
Dominican Republic	Plan de la respuesta a las demencias en la República Dominicana (2020-2025)	No English translation.
Iceland	Islandic National Dementia Action Plan 2020-2025	No English translation.
Japan	New Orange Plan 2015	Summary document.
Portugal	Health Strategy for Dementia (2018)	No English translation.
Slovenia	Strategija Obvladovanja Demence v Slovenij do leta (2016-2020)	No English translation. (A search for “criminal”, “justice” and “police” in Slovenian returned no results).
Spain	National Plan on Alzheimer’s and Other Dementias 2019-2023	No English translation.
Sweden	National Dementia Strategy	No English translation.

The information in this document is based on the lists of national dementia strategies available on the Alzheimer’s Disease International (ADI) and Alzheimer Europe websites as of September 2021. ADI uses the word “plan” to refer to dementia policies created by government, and “strategy” to refer to documents generated by non-governmental groups; however, we have decided to use the word “strategy” to refer to government dementia policies. This aligns with the dominant language used in Canada, including the *National Strategy for Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementias Act* (the legislation which requires the federal government to develop and implement a national dementia strategy) and Canada’s first national dementia strategy, “A Dementia Strategy for Canada: Together We Aspire.”

We used the following search terms: *criminal*; *justice* [criminal, not civil]; *crime* [accused, not victim]; *police*; *law enforcement*; *prison*; *law*; *legal*; and *rights* [related to criminal justice].

Legend	
Green	Criminal justice explicitly addressed in strategy.
Yellow	Criminal justice potentially or somewhat addressed in strategy.
Red	Criminal justice not addressed in strategy.

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ABOUT DEMENTIA JUSTICE CANADA

Established in 2017, Dementia Justice Canada is a public advocacy and research association dedicated to advancing the rights, needs and dignity of persons with dementia who enter the criminal justice system. We aim to make a positive impact by advocating for systemic reforms and by conducting interdisciplinary legal and policy research.

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