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TÍTULO DE LA PONENCIA

Use of everyday technology among older people with and without dementia or cognitive impairment: impact on everyday life and participation outside home

RESUMEN DE LA PONENCIA

Technology is nowadays a vital part of our everyday lives. Peoples' participation in everyday activities at home as well as outside the home is influenced by the requirement for and ability to use technology. In recent years there has been an increased emphasis on participation in public space for people with different kinds of functional impairments. This requires an accessible society. Much focus has been placed on physical accessibility, while little is known of the cognitive aspects of accessibility including use of technology such as mobile phones and automatic ticket machines. This presentation will focus on use of everyday technology among older people with and without dementia or cognitive impairment living in Sweden/UK and how this relates to participation in places and activities outside the home.

