



# NIHR Three Schools' Dementia Research Programme

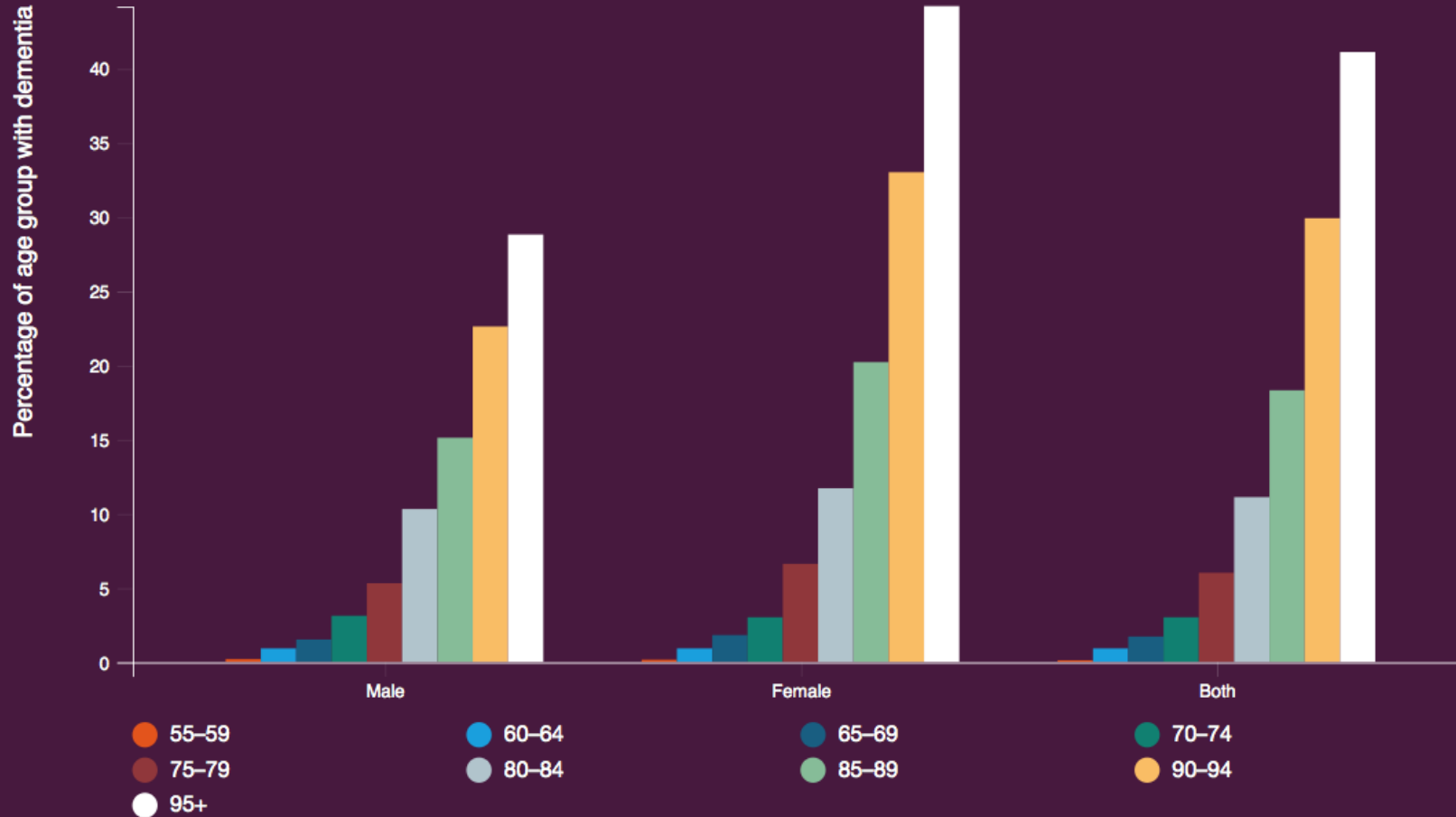
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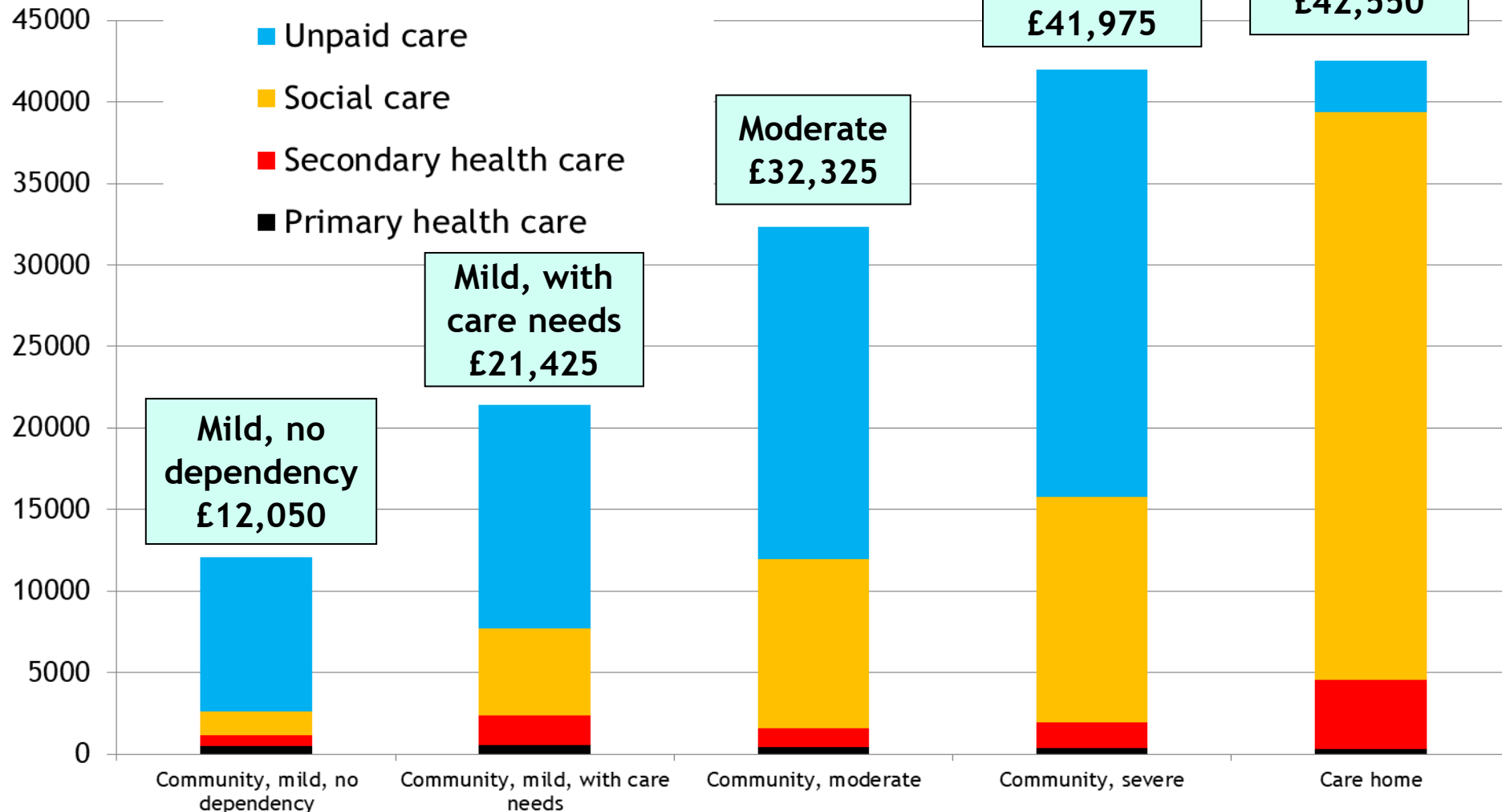
# Dementia prevalence rates by age & gender

Prince, Knapp et al  
*Dementia UK Update,*  
2014



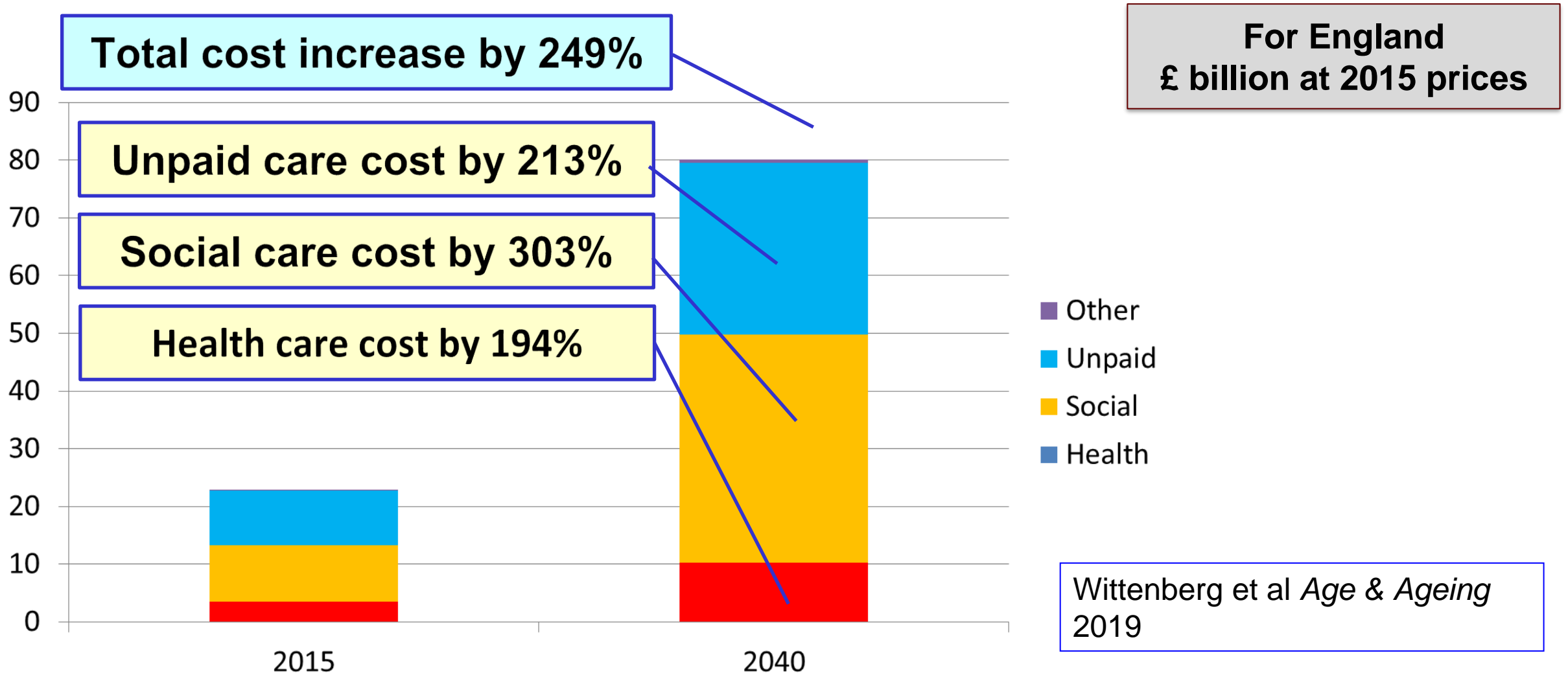
# Cost per person by dementia severity

England; annual costs at 2015 prices



Wittenberg et al *Age & Ageing* 2019

# Projected future costs of dementia care



# Dementia

- Dementia is a major global health challenge today...
- ... also a major care, family, employment (etc.) concern
- Responses to the dementia challenge are:
  1. cure (... but when?),
  2. prevention (only in the long term) and
  3. better care (but substantial current inadequacies)



# Three Schools' Programme



# Background

- Three NIHR Schools brought together by DHSC/NIHR
- £3.5 million confirmed for dementia programme, Sep 21 – Apr 24
- Additional £1 million confirmed
- Rapid but robust commissioning processes

## Mission:

- To develop the evidence base for dementia-related practice in England by commissioning and conducting high-quality research collaboratively across primary care, public health and social care

# Progress (Sep 21 – Nov 22)

- Three calls for research proposals
  - 8 studies funded – completing 23/24
  - 1 research-related (scoping) award funded - completed
  - 7 proposals under review
  - c. £3.3 million committed
- One call for career development awards
  - 14 awards – completing 23/24
  - c. £430,000 committed



# Range of topics (research studies)

- Risk prediction tool development
- Interventions for carers and homecare workers supporting continence
- Safeguarding across primary and social care
- Co-producing self-management resources
- Prevention and economic analyses of policy change
- Understanding primary care, public health and social care needs in underserved populations
- Social care support following diagnosis
- Carers' assessments
- Social farms

All studies cover at least two School areas:  
primary care, public health, social care

Involvement with people living with  
dementia and carers throughout

# Peer-led post-diagnostic support

- Strong criticism at the lack of support after diagnosis
- Danger that people image stereotyped portrayals of dementia
- Peer-led 'A Good Life with Dementia' course offers promise
- But what are the conditions that make the course successful?
- What makes for good (and bad!) peer – to – peer tutoring and learning?
- Extending to diverse communities.

**A GOOD LIFE WITH DEMENTIA**  
A post diagnostic course for people living with dementia

People with dementia as course designers

People with dementia as course tutors



# Forthcoming activities

- Networking initiatives across award holders
- Proposed showcase conference, Nov 23
- Two further calls for applications:
  - Career development awards – launching Dec 22
  - Added value awards: limited to Programme award holders – launching Jan 23
- Further opportunities across Three Schools' Mental Health and Dementia programmes (e.g. ECR Forum)

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