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<p>Title of study</p>	<p>What is the lived experience of transgender people in Ireland from an occupational perspective?</p>
<p>Supervisor(s)</p>	<p>Professor Susan Ryan & Dr. Ruth Usher</p>
<p>Background/Abstract (350 words max)</p>	<p>Background As the population ages, the incidence of dementia in Ireland also increases (Pierse et al., 2019). The majority of care for people living with dementia is provided by informal caregivers (World Health Organisation [WHO], 2015). The provision of care to a person with dementia can result in significant strain for those providing that care; this is caused by the physical, emotional, and economic pressures associated with dementia care (WHO, 2015). Support is essential to enable informal caregivers to continue in their role for as long as possible. Healthcare providers in Ireland are often involved in the provision of information resources/training and provision of support/respite to informal carers of people with dementia (Department of Health, 2017). Every caring situation is unique, however Rigby et al. (2019) identified the relationship between the carer and the person with dementia as one of the factors that impacts a caring situation.</p>

	<p>Research Purpose The purpose of this study is to reveal the lived narratives of former carers of parents with dementia focusing on their caring experiences with regards to their support and education needs and how they perceived these needs were met from diagnosis to bereavement.</p> <p>Methods In order to capture the phenomenon which is the experience of caring for a parent with dementia, this project will be informed by the approach of interpretive phenomenology. The methods used to collect this data include a background information questionnaire, narrative interviewing and semi-structured interviewing. These methods allowed the participant to lead the discussion during the first phase of data collection (narrative) and thus feel in control of the information they chose to share and focus on. This initial phase dictated the course of the second phase of the data collection (semi-structured interviews) and kept the person and their experiences at the centre of the research. Interviews were recorded and transcribed by the researcher. Data analysis was completed using Reflexive Thematic Analysis resulting in themes emerging from the data.</p>
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<p><i>Biography e.g. qualification/training/work history (200 words max)</i></p>	<p>Joanne graduated from UCC with a BScOT in 2020. She had a varied background from her undergraduate degree working in settings such as an Emergency Department, a complex paediatric disability service, adult mental health services (community and inpatient) as well as a dementia specific community service. She developed a particular interest in family carers supporting people with dementia during her time in The Crystal Project and supporting her parents care for her elderly grandmother at home. This interest in family carers of people with dementia lead her to take on a Master’s by Research after her undergraduate studies.</p>

	Joanne believed it was important that Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) was incorporated into the project from the early stages and Joanne acquired support from the Irish Alzheimer's Society whose members provided PPI support throughout the project. The PPI members helped shape the direction of the project, ensuring the project approached a topic that was important to family carers in a respectful and meaningful manner.
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