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June Andrews is an internationally known psychiatric and general trained nurse with a successful record of challenging and high profile appointments in strategic management and policy posts, and a track record of leadership at a senior level in professional organizational, academic and government roles, and in clinical management. She has well-developed and proven communication and influencing skills, and is able to command the confidence of ministers, the public and the health care professions.

June is the Director of the Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC - www.dementia.stir.ac.uk) which has branches in the UK, and close relationships around the world. In this role she uses the skills, knowledge and networks developed during a life time working to improve health care, in particular the care of older people and those with mental health problems. Professor Andrew's writing on dementia related issues appears in professional journals, as well as newspapers, television and radio. Her role is to assist in the public understanding of dementia and to influence policy makers. June is noted for her capacity to communicate and influence issues in relation to health care in a wide range of settings, from care workers in a care home, to ministers and politicians and the media. She provides training for regulators and is a personal mentor for a number of senior figures in the field. She is described as "practical, witty and wise" and she has a reputation for making things happen.

Her passion for improving care rises from a keen understanding that time is limited. She says, "Everything that is done in care for people with dementia should be efficient and effective, because there is not enough resource available to allow the waste that is caused by being badly organized and careless. The only thing that is rationed is time, and for older people in care, time is running out." June was awarded the Royal College of Nursing International Prize in London in May 2011, by the Nursing Standard, and the Founders Prize by the British American Project in November 2010 in Philadelphia, both for her international dementia work. See her talk at www.passionforhealth.com.au/drupal/content/june-andrews