



Dementia Strategy 2014 - 2017

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to present the 'Dementia Strategy for County Durham and Darlington; 2014 - 2017' (attached at Appendix 2) to the Health and Wellbeing Board for agreement.

Background

- 2 In the coming years the number of people living with dementia in County Durham is expected to increase significantly. Projections suggest that the population of people aged 60 and over with dementia in the County will rise to 10,951 by 2030, from a 2011 figure of 6,153 (JSNA 2013). Increased incidence of dementia will bring additional complexities in care planning and service commissioning.
- 3 Through continued widespread engagement across health and social care systems, and with input from patients, carers and other key stakeholders, a three year strategy for Durham and Darlington has been developed. This aims to build on previous partnership work across organisations to identify areas of need and priority actions over the next three years; to meet the challenges of national dementia policy and to enable people to live well with dementia.
- 4 Delivery of the strategy presents some challenges and will require investment both in terms of financial resource and a willingness to work, in a more integrated way, to maximise the effectiveness of the resources available.
- 5 Although the majority of the work to develop this strategic plan has been led by, and impacts on, clinical commissioning colleagues and health care providers, there are key areas which overlap the social care arena.

Impact of strategy proposals for social care

- 6 The objectives of the national dementia strategy and the Prime Ministers challenge on dementia are reflected in the strategy. Delivery of the social care elements of the objectives within these publications is progressing already within the Council.

- 7 The strategy emphasises the role of appropriate, high quality services in the community, which will help to avoid inappropriate hospital admission and facilitate timely discharge. Partners continue to work to ensure quality in provider services such as domiciliary, day and residential care. Examples of this include the quality band assessment programme; establishment of specific intermediate care provision; facilitation of funding, for example the Department of Health 'Dementia Friendly Environments' grants; and dementia training opportunities such as the upcoming 'Progress for Providers' regional workshops.
- 8 The framework of priorities included in the strategy also identifies housing initiatives for people with dementia, and specific services such as dementia advisors. Work is taking place to develop housing options, including possible dementia supported living services. Funding for dementia advisors has been identified, with a procurement process due to start in the coming weeks.
- 9 The strategy highlights the need to establish 'Dementia Friendly Communities' in Durham. Work is underway with the Alzheimer's Society and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) colleagues to roll out dementia friendly communities in Durham, with Chester-Le-Street and Barnard Castle selected as the first two pilot sites to go through the accreditation programme. Existing resources such as dementia support workers, dementia café's and 'singing for the brain' groups will be utilised to assist with this process.

Recommendations

- 10 The Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:
 - Agree the content of the Dementia Strategy for County Durham and Darlington; 2014 - 2017 (Appendix 2)

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – While it is acknowledged that some additional resources may be required via partner organisations to fully implement the strategy, many commitments are already planned for, with existing resources allocated to achieve them.

Staffing – None

Equality and Diversity – Equality impact assessments will be conducted in respect of any relevant service development / service redesign processes instigated by implementation of the strategy.

Accommodation – None

Crime and Disorder – None

Human Rights – None

Consultation – A consultation process has been carried out as part of strategy development.

Procurement – Any new services, or changes to services, instigated as a result of strategy implementation will be subject to the procurement rules of the nominated lead organisation for the relevant work.

Disability Discrimination Act – None

Legal Implications – Legal services will be consulted on any relevant issues which arise during implementation of the strategy, such as, for example, procurement exercises.