

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2013****Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR PERSONAL CARE AND SUPPORT –  
OLDER ADULTS****DEMENTIA STRATEGY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide information and advice to members on the progress of the “Nottinghamshire Dementia Strategy” 2010-15 and to seek approval for its continued implementation.

**Information and Advice**

2. In 2009 the government launched a national strategy on dementia entitled “Living well with Dementia: A National Dementia Strategy”. This laid out the strategy for dementia care across England for the next 5 years and highlighted 3 main priorities:
  - Improved public and professional awareness and understanding of dementia
  - Earlier diagnosis and intervention
  - A higher quality of care for people living with dementia and their carers
3. A fourth priority was added later which was; appropriate use of anti-psychotics.
4. All local authorities and primary care trusts were required to develop a local plan in response to the national strategy. So in Nottinghamshire carers, people with dementia and a range of representatives from across dementia services came together for a series of commissioning workshops which took place between August 2009 and March 2010. During these workshops current service provision and the gaps in the system were mapped and local priorities for dementia services were developed; these priorities reflected the views of local people who are affected by dementia.
5. It was agreed that the vision should be for people in Nottinghamshire to live well with dementia. To promote a better public and professional knowledge about dementia to remove the stigma that is currently associated with it, offer early diagnosis and intervention, and ensure quality accessible services effectively meet the needs of people with dementia and their carers.
6. In 2012 the “Prime Minister’s challenge on dementia: Delivering major improvements in dementia care and research by 2015” was launched. This focused on 3 main areas:

- Driving improvements in health and care
  - Creating dementia friendly communities that understand how to help
  - Better research
7. All health and social care agencies have worked very closely across the City and County to improve the quality and quantity of services for people with dementia and their families. The following has been achieved:
- a) Improved public and professional awareness and understanding of dementia
    - Run awareness raising and publicity events
    - Provided e-learning for all social care staff
    - Provided training for appropriate health and social care staff
    - Revised GP referral guidelines
    - Held learning events for GPs and primary care staff
  - b) Earlier diagnosis and intervention
    - Implemented a new localised Memory Assessment Service
    - Commissioned additional social support services to people who are newly diagnosed
    - Provided specialist intermediate care teams across the County
    - Supported the use of Assistive Technology and specifically 'Just Checking'
  - c) A higher quality of care for people living with dementia and their carers
    - In hospitals – identified lead clinicians and developed staff training programmes; developed acute liaison teams; provided specialist mental health and medical crises ward (QMC); created a specialist ward for people with dementia who have difficult to manage behaviour
    - In Care Homes – developed and provided staff training, including awareness, person centred care and end of life care; commissioned a specialist dementia outreach service Countywide; introduced a dementia quality mark to establish good quality dementia care
  - d) Appropriate use of anti-psychotic medications
    - GPs have reviewed, and will continue to review, people with dementia on anti-psychotic medication
8. Although significant improvements have been made dementia care remains one of the priorities identified in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The key objectives are to:
- Increase diagnosis rates through full implementation of the Countywide Memory Assessment Service
  - Improve and increase the support available to carers through the development of specialist 'Compass' workers across the County who will provide practical and emotional support to carers and the availability of a wider range of carers information programmes
  - Continue implementation of enhanced community services and services that support people to remain in their own home i.e. the mental health intermediate care services,

specialist assistive technology and the introduction of an assessment bed service for people with dementia and/or mental health problems in the South of the County

- Improve the quality of care in care homes through an extended programme of specialist training and the implementation of the dementia quality mark
- Promote healthy ageing and tackle preventable ill-health through healthy lifestyles e.g. via NHS health checks
- Encouraging health and social care organisations to sign up to the Dementia Action Alliance and promote 'Dementia Friends' training within the County Council including senior management and Councillors
- Providing easily accessible information through the Council's website and the 'Reading about Dementia' service available through local libraries
- Improve choice and control for people with dementia and carers through greater use of personal budgets and the personalisation project
- Promoting integration across health and social care services to avoid people needing hospital or residential care where possible and enhance timely discharge from hospital

### **Other Options Considered**

9. Local authorities are required to act upon the main objectives of the National Dementia Strategy and to put in place plans to deliver local priorities. The local strategy was designed in collaboration with health partners, representatives from the voluntary sector, service users and carers; detailed needs analysis was undertaken and different service models were considered. The resulting ranges of services are designed to meet the needs of people at all stages of dementia and are based on current best practice.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

10. This report is to inform members of progress to date and seek approval for continued implementation of the Nottinghamshire Dementia Strategy and the priorities identified in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

12. Funding for the Dementia Quality Mark in care homes can be met from within existing budgets.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) It is recommended that the Adult Social Care and Health Committee continue to support the implementation of the joint Nottinghamshire Dementia Strategy 2010-2015.

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## **Constitutional Comments (LM 7/11/13)**

13. The Adult Social Care and Health Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

## **Financial Comments (CLK 15/11/13)**

14. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 12 of the report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Nottinghamshire Dementia Strategy 2010-2015

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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