

### Progress on National and Local Strategies

1. Local strategies were developed in response to the national strategies on dementia; “Living well with Dementia: A National Dementia Strategy” 2009-14 and “The Prime Minister’s Challenge” 2012. These laid out the priorities for dementia care across England as;
  - Improved public and professional awareness and understanding of dementia
  - Earlier diagnosis and intervention (67% (two thirds) of people predicted to have dementia to have a formal diagnosis by March 2015
  - A higher quality of care for people living with dementia and their carers
  - Appropriate use of anti-psychotic medication for behavioural problems in people with dementia
  - Driving improvements in health and care
  - Creating dementia friendly communities that understand how to help
  - Better research
  
2. What has been achieved so far?
  - **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
    - Promoted Public Health England’s Dementia Friends campaign
    - Introduced more easily accessible information through:
      - the NCC website, ‘Nottinghamshire Help Yourself’
      - ‘Reading about Dementia’ service available through local libraries
  
  - **Earlier diagnosis and intervention**
    - Implemented new localised Memory Assessment Service (MAS)
    - Commissioned additional social support services for people who are newly diagnosed provided by the Alzheimer’s Society
    - Commissioned a county-wide Intensive Recovery Intervention Service (IRIS) to provide care and treatment for people with moderate to severe dementia
    - Supported the use of assistive technology and specifically “Just Checking”
  
  - **A higher quality of care for people living with dementia and their carers**
    - In Hospitals
      - Identified lead clinicians and developed staff training programmes
      - Developed Rapid Response Liaison Teams in NUH and Sherwood Forest Hospitals to give advice and support to people with dementia and other mental health problems in general hospitals
      - Supported a specialist mental health and medical crises ward (QMC)
    - In Care Homes

- Developed and provided staff training, including awareness, person centred-care and end of life issues;
  - Commissioned a specialist Dementia Outreach Service county-wide
  - Established dementia specific quality standards and introduced the Dementia Quality Mark
- In the Community
  - Improved access to Personal Budgets for people with dementia following a joint project with the Alzheimer's Society
  - Introduced specialist assessment beds for people with dementia and/or mental health problems in the south of the county.
- **Appropriate use of anti-psychotic medication** - GPs review people with dementia on anti-psychotic medication to reduce or stop this where appropriate.
- **Carers**
  - Introduced a new type of support worker for carers, Compass workers, to work with the specialist dementia services to support carers of people with moderate to severe dementia.
  - Supported the development of a web site for carers: <http://www.dementiacarer.net/>
  - Launch of Nottinghamshire Carers Hub