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Challenge on Dementia

Report by Older Peoples Strategic Planning and commissioning

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Purpose of report	<p>Report requested for response to Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia</p> <p>This report provides an update to the Health & Wellbeing board on current position in relation to Dementia and the questions asked by the co-chairs of the Health and Care sub group.</p>
Background and context.	<p>A number of key commitments were made by the Prime Minister as part of the March 2012 launch “Challenge on Dementia” and local health and wellbeing boards are being asked to report on certain elements of the challenge.</p> <p><i>1. Reviewing your local Dementia Strategy with particular emphasis on enablement and intermediate care access for people with dementia, accommodation solutions, end of life support and health and social care workforce development</i></p> <p><u>Response</u></p> <p>Essex has been at the forefront of the development of the Essex, Southend & Thurrock Dementia Strategy. Following a public consultation last year the final strategy has been published (December 12), it sets out our strategic intentions to deliver good outcomes for the citizens of Essex who are living with, or caring for, someone with Dementia. The Priorities for 2011 – 2014 in the strategy address the issues above to :-</p> <p>A. Ensure that clear pathways are available for all people including those with young onset dementia or learning disabilities to access timely assessment, diagnosis, treatment and support;</p> <p>B. Ensure that people with dementia are able to access admission avoidance schemes, reablement and intermediate care;</p>

C. Develop an effective, trained and skilled workforce;
D. Ensure that there is appropriate support for carers and to recognise carers as partners in the care of people with dementia;
E. Further develop enhanced liaison and in reach services to acute hospitals and nursing homes which include strategies to reduce the use of anti-psychotic medication;
F. Ensure that people with dementia have access to palliative care and support at the end of their life.
G. Provide clear, consistent and co-ordinated information to support people with dementia and their carers at all stages throughout the dementia journey
H. Continue activities to raise awareness of dementia within health and social care organisations and the wider community to reduce stigma and promote early identification of dementia.

There is a current action plan in place to ensure we are meeting the priorities above. These priorities will be underpinned by the following **principles**:

- Joint working between Health, Social Care, Independent, Private and Voluntary sectors to provide a seamless, equitable and consistent approach
- Equality and human rights. This will include a strong focus on differences in access to services, the safety, and effectiveness of care, and people's rights to be treated with dignity and respect.
- A strong focus on the shift of provision to early intervention and prevention
- Personalisation and person centred support will be integral to all intervention to maximise opportunities for independence and improved quality of life.
- An assets based approach focussed on living well with dementia
- Strengthened involvement of people with dementia and their carers in planning and development
- Joint approach to service development with joint commissioning where this improves outcomes for people with dementia and their carers.
- Whole system support for the work of the NDS, supported by the development of existing and new networks at both senior and frontline staff levels
- Strong links to other agendas to maximise the benefits of work e.g. Older people's Commissioning Plan, Carers Strategy, Information Advice and Advocacy, Commissioning Framework for Prevention,

Reablement and Assistive Technology Strategies, Falls Prevention, My Home Life, Dignity in Care, End of life Care. Quality, Innovation, Productivity, Prevention.

2. Ensuring the needs of people with dementia and their carers are part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment process.

Response

Our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identifies the increase in the over 65 and over 85 population and the challenge this represents in terms of dementia, it estimates that there are 22,300 people currently living with dementia in the Greater Essex area. This could rise to 35,500 by the year 2025. The JSNA recognises dementia as a priority issue.

3. Whether you need to make dementia a priority in your Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies.

Response


The Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy has identified dementia as a priority listed under Ageing Well with the areas for focus being

- Innovation and improvements to end of life care
- Improve and develop services to respond to the rising prevalence of dementia
- Developing integrated pathways for elderly care, encompassing provision but also prevention, reducing falls and ensuring independence is maintained for longer
- Enabling residents to maintain or regain their independence for as long as possible via technology, equipment, supporting carers and reablement services.

4. Signing up to the National Dementia Declaration and joining your Local Dementia Action Alliance to work with local partners to drive forward.

Response

While Essex is not currently part of the Dementia Action Alliance we are working to submit a revised Action Plan We are currently working with our CCG colleagues to develop integrated plans with Dementia being a priority.

Conclusions	<p>We have achieved much in Essex since the publication of the National Dementia Strategy in 2009. If we are going to improve the lives of people living with dementia as well as supporting carers we must continue to work together with our partners to improve access to support and information. We need to value the contribution that people living dementia can make to society as well as delivering improved outcomes that enable people to live well with dementia. The Mapping and Progress Report identifies what has been achieved and what we will achieve in the future. I have attached a copy of the report for your reference.</p> <div data-bbox="593 703 662 770"></div> <p data-bbox="523 770 734 824">Overview of mapping and Progress Report 2</p>
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