

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CARE AND INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Dementia Strategy: Update and Next Steps

Introduction

1. In January the Committee completed the first phase of a study on Dementia. The proposals that emerged followed those included in the National Dementia Strategy. The final version, slightly altered, received a positive response from the NYCC Executive, who agreed it should be adopted as the basis for further consultation with partners and as the framework of a joint commissioning strategy.
2. The Executive also supported the Committee's intention to continue working alongside the Directorate, representatives of the PCT and third sector colleagues.
3. If the proposals are ultimately implemented the Executive also agreed that the Committee should continue working with the new Dementia Network.
4. A copy of the final report has been sent to Members but an extract from the slide presentation to the last meeting is attached.

Joint Commissioning Strategy

5. The Chairman, myself and colleagues the Committee has worked with thus far, have met with a range of individuals from the independent, statutory and third sector to begin the process of writing the Joint Commissioning Strategy.
6. The message your Chairman has taken to these meetings is consistent with something the Committee has turned to repeatedly during the course of its work - whatever monies are made available to progress the strategy would be well spent on infrastructure and project development.
7. The key points discussed and actions agreed include the following:

Mapping Services

- I. Comprehensive Mapping/Audit Exercise to identify current services on the ground and highlight gaps in provision and support. Identifying gaps relating to early diagnosis has been flagged up as the priority for action.
- II. Commissioners and providers from Adult and Community Services and the Primary Care Trust will draw together all responses from that analysis.

Dementia Network

- III. In line with earlier discussions, existing Dementia networks in the Harrogate/Craven, Hambleton/Richmondshire and Scarborough, Whitby/Ryedale and key people from around Selby will be brought together. The aim will be to develop a consistent approach to local networks and county wide operating framework. Acute Trust involvement will be key if these networks are to be fully effective. Leadership will come from the County Council and North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust.
- IV. Recognising the need for this new system to be located within existing partnership structures, every attempt will be made to ensure that it has a voice which feeds into the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership.

Awareness Raising

- V. One of the tasks for the first year of commissioning will be for networks to take on the task of awareness raising, for example ensuring that all professionals especially GP's are aware of Care Pathways.
- VI. Awareness of Dementia and the work of all agencies will be highlighted in existing means of communications, North Yorkshire Times, Libraries and so on. Existing resources such as leaflets and information held by the Alzheimer's society will be used wherever possible. The understanding and learning from the POPPS projects will be fed into the process.
- VII. 20 September 2009 is world Alzheimer's day and there is an awareness week in July, every attempt should be made to make sure these are a success.
- VIII. The needs of hard to reach groups, for example, Learning Disabilities and BME will be encompassed in the work of the networks.

Transforming Services

- IX. The importance of Assistive Technology and Telecare was discussed. Case studies are to be made available to the network along with feedback on Telehealth pilots in Bedale and Reeth. The Committee in particular will be interested to hear the results of these pilots.
- X. The importance of services for people with Dementia being included in the work of the transformation of in-house personal services and PCT community services was emphasised. The extent of which current traditional services can be decommissioned to ease budget pressures needs to be considered.

- XI. Good practice around support for people will be built into the extra care housing model. Quality standards around support, treatment for people with Dementia will be incorporated within the County Council and North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust contracts.

Engaging People with Dementia

- XII. During the course of this exercise, consideration will be given to ways of engaging with people with Dementia and their carers in the wider population. This is a point the Committee itself identified, highlighting the best practice work undertaken in the previous collaborative of engaging with people with Dementia and their carers.

Funding and Commissioning: Initial Outline

8. Funding bids will therefore be worked up in time for 2009/2010 budget round, with particular consideration being given to
- a) The need for training, workforce development and centres of excellence in Dementia care.
 - b) Personalised approaches to respite and short breaks.
 - c) An infrastructure which will enable the network to take forward the agenda in years 2 and 3.

Final Commissioning Strategy

9. The Joint Commissioning Strategy document has been written addressing all the above points but is still very much a draft. An outline will be presented to the Committee.

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Dementia

The Stats

- 25 million people, or 42% of the UK population, are affected by dementia through knowing a close friend or family member with the condition.
- Just 3% of the government's medical research budget is spent on dementia research, while a quarter is spent on cancer research.
- 1 in 3 over 65s will die with some form of dementia
[Alzheimers Research Trust UK](#)
- Dementia currently costs the UK over £17billion per year.
[King's College London and the London School of Economics](#)

Committee Stuff

- To raise awareness - its own and in the community
- National Dementia Strategy an opportunity to do more
- Comment on local and national consultation
- What happens next – Internal Approval Processes

Headlines

- **Individual Person Centred/Citizen First - Values and Principles**
- **Social Inclusion through a Community Focus**
- **Getting things done-** Support for a Network (tweak the tried and tested partnership model)
- **The right place – holistic multi agency service - One stop shop/no wrong door**

The National Dementia Strategy

- **Commit** to adopting
- Proposals against the Recommendations in the three main themes
- **AWARENESS**
- **EARLY INTERVENTION AND DIAGNOSIS**
- **QUALITY OF CARE**

AWARENESS

- Local Public Media – Schools etc
- Community Engagement through LSPs/NYSP
- PCT/ACS Joint Education Programme
- Training for all (non care staff) specialist training for some
- Joint Agency Training Programme

EARLY DIAGNOSIS

- A good thing – helps understanding and planning
- Debate on how diagnosis approached
- Focus on Integrated Care Pathways
- Joined up support
- Good Quality Information and advice

CARE AND SUPPORT

- Support—Social events in the community, activities, befriending, modern day care
- Short Breaks and Respite - flexible options from onset to specialist as dementia progresses
- Specialist Home Care Services?
- Joint Commissioning

NEXT STEPS

Unfinished Business