

## **To the Chair and Members of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

### **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY – PROGRESS UPDATE**

#### **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a progress update on the work programme “Working towards making Doncaster Dementia Friendly”. This is an annual update following previous updates to the Panel. A timeline of these updates can be seen in the grid below.

November 2012	Overview of dementia services in Doncaster was presented to the Panel. A request was made for an in depth Dementia Friendly Communities review.
March 2013	A Dementia Friendly Communities review was presented to the Panel and 14 recommendations were made.
March 2014	A Dementia Friendly Communities progress report was presented to the Panel and progress was reported against of the 14 recommendations made in 2013.
March 2015	Dementia Friendly Communities progress update to be presented to the Panel.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **2.1 Panel members are asked to;**

- Note Appendix 1 and the two associated Annexes and the progress made in 2014/15.
- Make further recommendations for the integrated commissioning team to progress.
- Consider how Elected Members can support further progress.

#### **3. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

- 3.1 People with dementia and their carers/families will be less fearful and less stigmatised as a result of the community understanding dementia. This understanding supports a change in attitude and hopefully behaviour in the wider community so when faced with someone with dementia consideration and appropriate help and support can be given. This change in attitude and behaviour will help and support people with dementia to remain independent, active and valued citizens.

#### 4. EXEMPT REPORT

4.1 Not applicable

#### 5. BACKGROUND

5.1 At a meeting of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel in November 2012, members were provided with a report which provided an overview of services for people with dementia in Doncaster.

5.2 As a result of the information the Panel made the decision to look further into the concept of creating Dementia Friendly Communities as part of a review. This review involved examining the level of dementia awareness and considered whether the people of Doncaster were sufficiently aware of dementia. It also looked at whether the town was understanding and supportive to people with the condition.

5.3 In March 2013 the Panel received a report on Dementia Friendly Communities following involvement by some Members working with commissioning officers on reviewing what Doncaster offered at the time. This report was received positively and Panel members supported the delivery of a series of recommendations.

5.4 In March 2014 the Panel received a robust and comprehensive progress report which responded to all the recommendations and identified next steps for the coming year. A request was made to investigate if dementia prevalence could be presented by Ward and a suggestion was made about improving the use of technology with dementia care and support.

#### 6. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

There are no specific options for the Panel to consider with this progress update.

#### 7. IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

7.1 The following table summarises the key priorities in the Corporate Plan for 2014 – 17 and the priorities of the Elected Mayor and the implications to those priorities in association with this Dementia Friendly Communities update.

	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Implications</b>
	We will support a strong economy where businesses can locate, grow and employ local people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</li><li>• Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</li><li>• Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</li></ul>	Dementia is now routinely considered by town planners and in particular housing development and schemes. It is recognised that by involving business in being "Dementia Friendly" can benefit the community as well as the economy.
	We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent lives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</li><li>• Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</li></ul>	The delivery of the dementia declaration will ensure people with dementia and their carers remain active and empowered citizens.
	We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.	

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	<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</li> </ul>	<p>It is recognised that dementia has impact on the person with dementia and the whole family and especially carers. Work is taking place to ensure the whole family is supported post diagnostically.</p>
	<p>We will deliver modern value for money services.</p>	<p>Dementia services will need to be fit for purpose as the demand for services increase.</p>
	<p>We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.</p>	<p>The Dementia Governance structure is recognised as being strong and robust with leaders from all areas and at all levels.</p>

## 8. RISKS & ASSUMPTIONS

8.1 There are many risks associated with not supporting people to live well with dementia such as reliance on health and social care services and impact on overall health and wellbeing. The Doncaster Dementia Strategic Partnerships objective is to manage those risks.

## 9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this review. Further bespoke legal advice will be required as the Council moves forward on "Dementia Friendly" projects, particularly in the fields of contract law, funding and procurement.

## 10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Current funding for the Dementia Friendly Communities programme is from the Better Care Fund. For the financial year 2014/15, £100k was aligned to a series of approved activities that have been delivered and support the update in Appendix 1. Moving forward the Better Care Fund will need to approve further allocation of resources to support the Dementia friendly Communities programme.

## 11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

## 12. TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 None

## 13. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The protective characteristics of age, disability, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion and belief, maternity and pregnancy, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership have been considered.

13.2 Although the risk of experiencing dementia increases with age the disease can also be experienced by people under 65 and as such the Dementia Friendly work programme needs to recognise and consider this.

## **14. CONSULTATION**

14.1 The governance structure for the Doncaster Dementia Strategic Partnership (DDSP) ensures service users, carers and the general public are at the start and heart of everything. The DDSP is co-chaired by a service user and receives the views and opinions of users and carers from a sub group known as the Doncaster Dementia Forum (DDF). The DDF is chaired by an ex carer and founder of the Doncaster charity DonMentia. Engagement and consultation in its general sense is continuous and embedded.

## **15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

15.1 Appendix 1 presents a progress update on “Working Towards Making Doncaster Dementia Friendly” and within it key documents are referenced

Annex 1 presents Q3 Health and Wellbeing Board performance report for Dementia.

Annex 2 presents the annual dementia progress report for 2014.

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