



Doncaster Council

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

OVERVIEW OF DEMENTIA COMMISSIONING IN DONCASTER

Relevant Member(s)	Cabinet	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Rachael Blake – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care		All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. At the request of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel this report is intended to provide an overview of Dementia Commissioning in Doncaster. The format of the report is principally in the form of a presentation with pertinent background contained to this report document.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to consider and comment on the information provided.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy. The Overview and Scrutiny of health is an important part of the Government's commitment to place patients at the centre of health services. It is a fundamental way by which democratically elected community leaders may voice the views of their constituents and require local NHS bodies to listen and respond. In this way, Local Authorities can assist to reduce health inequalities and promote and support health improvement. The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel have been designated as having

responsibility of carrying out the health scrutiny function.

BACKGROUND

5. The Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia 2020 set out areas where the government believes it will be necessary for society to take sustained action in order to deliver this vision and to truly transform dementia care, support and research by 2020.
6. The government's key aspirations are that by 2020 we would wish to see:
 - Improved public awareness and understanding of the factors, which increase the risk of developing dementia and how people can reduce their risk by living more healthily. This should include a new healthy ageing campaign and access to tools such as a personalised risk assessment calculator as part of the NHS Health Check.
 - In every part of the country people with dementia having equal access to diagnosis as for other conditions, with an expectation that the national average for an initial assessment should be 6 weeks following a referral from a GP (where clinically appropriate), and that no one should be waiting several months for an initial assessment of dementia.
 - GPs playing a leading role in ensuring coordination and continuity of care for people with dementia, as part of the existing commitment that from 1 April 2015 everyone will have access to a named GP with overall responsibility and oversight for their care.
 - Every person diagnosed with dementia having meaningful care following their diagnosis, which supports them and those around them, with meaningful care being in accordance with published National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Quality Standards. Effective metrics across the health and care system, including feedback from people with dementia and carers, will enable progress against the standards to be tracked and for information to be made publicly available.

The National Picture

7. The UK's population of older people is increasing; since 2008, the number of people aged over 85 has increased by nearly a fifth and, according to current estimates, the population of 65-84 year olds is likely to be 40% larger by the early 2030s.
8. 850, 000 people are estimated to be living with dementia in the UK. 24.6 million people in the UK – **38% of the population** – know a family member or close friend living with dementia. Dementia is the most feared health condition for people over the age of 55, but touches people of all ages. Dementia costs the UK economy over £26 billion per year – higher than cancer, heart disease or diabetes¹ in 3 people born in the UK this year will develop dementia in their

lifetime. One in 14 people over 65 have dementia in the UK and **one in 79 of the whole population.**

9. Dementia is now the leading cause of death in women and the third leading cause of death in men (ONS, Oct 2014)
10. An estimated 670,000 people in the UK act as primary carers for people with dementia, saving the state £11 billion per year. Two-thirds of people with dementia live in the community. Of these, one-third live alone in their own homes. One-third of people with dementia live in care homes and up to 70% of care home residents in the UK have dementia or significant memory problems.

The Doncaster picture

11. As of end January 2019 there are estimated to be 4050 people with dementia in Doncaster. Of these 2700 have a formal diagnosis giving Doncaster a Diagnostic rate of 73.5%.
12. There were 2493 admissions of people with dementia admitted to acute beds (Doncaster Royal Infirmary) in 2017/18. This figure has reduced for 18/19.
13. It is anticipated of the 2100 residential beds in Doncaster as much as 75% of will be occupied with someone with cognitive impairment/dementia.
14. According to the Census of 2011, there are 33,150 carers providing unpaid care in Doncaster, 9,383 of which are providing 50 hours or more a week. There are 7,301 carers over the age of 65.
15. A presentation in Appendix A supports this report and provides an overview of the current situation in Doncaster.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

16. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Committee to receive an update on Dementia and agree themes to consider as part of the 2019/20 workplan.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

17. This report provides the Panel with an opportunity to understand the impact on local service improvement.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

	Outcomes	Implications
1.	Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;	No implications in view of subject area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	
2.	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	<p>Living well with dementia is important to both the person with dementia and their carers/families. We aim to improve patient pathways, patient experience and improve accessibility of dementia services across Doncaster and improve resilience.</p>
3.	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	<p>Extension of Dementia Friends into schools which will improve awareness and reduce stigma of dementia.</p> <p>Continue to work with local schools on the Cognitive Stimulation Therapy programme which brings young children and people with dementia together in setting which enables them to gain knowledge and understanding of the disease whilst providing the opportunity to build relationships.</p>
4.	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	<p>Service improvements continue to be developed which support carers/families of people with dementia. Continue to develop dementia post diagnostic services across Doncaster.</p> <p>Continue to ensure that carers can access all the statutory/non statutory and voluntary, community and faith services</p>

		across Doncaster.
5.	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	<p>Continue awareness raising, reducing stigma and promoting prevention across Doncaster.</p> <p>Promotion of a Doncaster Dementia Action Alliance which is the vehicle for creating Dementia Friendly Communities which generates a neighbourhood which is one in which people with dementia are empowered to have high aspirations and feel confident, knowing they can contribute and participate in activities that are meaningful to them.</p>

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

18. There are no specific risks relating to this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (OFFICER INITIAL: SF..DATE: 12.03.19)

19. There are no specific legal implications relating to this report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (OFFICER INITIAL: HR..DATE: 11.03.19)

20. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. Any financial implications relating to specific reports on the work plan will be included in those reports.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (OFFICER INITIAL: HR..DATE: 11.03.19)

21. There are no specific human resource implications arising directly from this report. Any human resource implications relating to recommendations made will need to be considered if any proposals are brought forward.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [OFFICER INITIALS PW DATE 07.03.19]

22. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS (Officer Initials: RS Date: 07/03/2019)

23. The approach to Dementia improvement should improve and protect health and reduce inequalities. Decision makers will want to be aware of the impact and how measuring improvements could be strengthened; therefore, ongoing impact monitoring is recommended.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials SE Date 06.03.19]

24. Our workplan includes a focus on raised understanding of dementia across a wide population with a view to reduce stigma and promote dementia friendly approaches within a broad range of public and privately provided services.

CONSULTATION

25. Not applicable

BACKGROUND PAPERS

26. None

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