

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care)
Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

DATE: 24th May 2011
16th March 2011

SUBJECT: Sefton Dementia Strategy Progress

WARDS AFFECTED: All

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To present the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the progress in the implementation of the Sefton Dementia Strategy.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To continue with the implementation of the Dementia Strategy in Sefton

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Members are asked to note the content of this report outlining progress on local implementation of the Dementia Strategy during 2011 – 2014.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 2010

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget/Policy Framework: N/A
N/A

Financial: There are no financial implications for Sefton Council directly arising from this report.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure		0		
Funded by:		0		
Sefton Capital Resources		0		
Specific Capital Resources		0		
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure		0		
Funded by:		0		
Sefton funded Resources		0		
Funded from External Resources		0		
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: N/A

Risk Assessment: There are no significant risks arising from this report.

Asset Management: N/A

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The Interim Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report. **FD660 /2011**
There are no legal implications and therefore, the Head of Corporate Legal Services has not been consulted

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People		√	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Living Well with Dementia – A National Dementia Strategy

Background

The publication of '*Living well with dementia - a National Dementia Strategy*' in February 2009 gives direction for improving the treatment and support available to people with dementia, their families and carers.

The main themes of the National Strategy are:

- Raising awareness – reducing the stigma associated with dementia through a public information campaign, improved training for staff in all settings and good quality information for people with dementia and their carers.
- Early assessment and diagnosis – a good quality specialist diagnosis made early in the illness, communicated sensitively and followed by intervention and support as needed.
- Living well with dementia – improving the quality of care for people with dementia in acute general hospitals, at home and in care homes.

The three key themes are supported by 17 objectives that describe the range of services that people with dementia and their carers should be able to access locally and ways in which such services will be delivered.

Following publication of the national strategy a multi-agency group was formed to deliver a Sefton Dementia Strategy. This group comprised officers from NHS Sefton, Sefton Council, Mersey Care Trust, GP representation, Sefton Carer's Centre, Sefton Pensioners Advocacy Centre and Sefton CVS. The strategy became operational in March 2010.

Progress

The progress report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on October 2010 report cited, among other activities:

- a series of successful Dementia Roadshows that raised awareness of dementia among the general public,
- dementia training for health and social care staff,
- day care developments at the Parkhaven Trust and an expansion of services offered by the Alzheimer's Society.

All the above contributed to the early implementation of the Sefton Dementia Strategy. Further dementia roadshows are being planned for 2011/12 and dementia training for staff remains a priority.

Progress and actions following the report presented to Members at October 2010 Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting include:

- The establishment of a Forum for the providers of dementia care services in Sefton. Early work indicates a strong commitment to raising standards and improving information available to the public. Better links with memory services and the Voluntary Community and Faith Sector in order to tackle social isolation is also a high priority for the group,
- The first Living Well with Dementia conference was held in Southport on the 24th February 2011. This will be followed by further, similar, events later in the year,
- 2011/12 Council tax notifications to Sefton residents included information about recognising signs of dementia and how to seek help,
- A dementia workforce collaborative with Mersey Care NHS trust has been developed together with Liverpool and Knowsley PCTs and Councils that will explore opportunities to further integrate dementia education and training for health and social care staff across those localities.

Quality, Innovation Productivity and Prevention (QIPP)

Attention in recent months has focused largely on reviewing current dementia services as part of the Government's QIPP initiative to enable local authorities and the NHS deliver their quality and efficiency commitments within the financial profile detailed in the Spending Review starting in 2011/12.

The Dementia QIPP has been informed by a series of five workshops that began in October 2010, and concluded in January 2011. The meetings, facilitated by the Department of Health, Care Efficiency Services Department and led by Mersey Care NHS Trust, were attended by a range of stakeholders across Liverpool, Knowsley and Sefton including primary care trusts, Mersey Care, GPs, social care representatives, members of the voluntary and faith sectors and service users and carers .

The Dementia QIPP Workstream has developed four interlinked proposals to improve services that deal largely, but not exclusively, with dementia. People with other mental disorders in old age will benefit from the service developments that are proposed. If implemented, the developments will provide a whole system change in the way services are delivered to people living with dementia and their carers.

The proposals are consistent with the National Dementia Strategy and the Coalition Governments stated priorities for dementia care. The proposals have been presented to NHS Sefton, NHS Knowsley and Liverpool PCT as Invest to Save initiatives and aim to ensure:

- patients receive the right treatment, at the right place, by the right professional through improved access and connectivity between services,
- increased productivity of existing services,
- prevention of unnecessary attendances at and admissions to secondary care (acute and mental health hospitals),
- provision of care at home, or closer to home where possible,
- reduction in costs and increased value for money,
- increased connectivity across the whole health and social care system.

The proposals focus on specialist NHS support to general hospital, care homes and support to people in their own homes. It is anticipated that these initiatives will lead to a reduction in the inappropriate prescribing of antipsychotic medication to people with dementia.

The proposals have been accepted in principle by NHS Sefton and further work is being undertaken to assure the primary care trust that the predicted savings can be realised.

If implemented in full by NHS bodies, the Dementia QIPP will make a significant contribution to the delivery of the Sefton Dementia Strategy.