

REPORT TO: Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Health & Social Care)
Cabinet
DATE: 6 April 2010
20 May 2010
SUBJECT: Dementia
Working Group Report
WARDS AFFECTED: All
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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To formally present the final report of the Dementia Working Group.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The Working Group has made a number of recommendations that require approval by both the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Health & Social Care) and the Cabinet

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested to support the following recommendations and commend them to the Cabinet for approval:-

The Cabinet is requested to approve the following recommendations:-

1. That care home providers be advised by the Social Care and Well Being Directorate that it is considered to be essential for all care staff in care homes, particularly EMI homes, and domiciliary care staff, to receive training and attend training courses in relation to all aspects of dementia;
2. that the Social Care and Well Being Directorate be requested to consider and report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) on the possibility of the implementation of a voluntary local kite mark or certificate, stating that the staff at care homes have undertaken training in all aspects of dementia care;

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3. that the Social Care and Well Being Directorate be requested to consider and report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) on the possibility of delivering training to care staff within some of the larger care homes and that all care homes be advised of relevant training courses and invited to attend;
4. that the intention for officers of the Social Care and Well Being Directorate to visit 2 star homes within the Borough be welcomed and the Director be requested to report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Health & Social Care) on the possibility of extending this to provide for officers to undertake visits to all care homes that are likely to have residents who have dementia;
5. that the Social Care and Well Being Directorate be requested to prepare information on dementia and its early detection, to appear within the Directorate's web pages on the Council's website, providing links to the local Alzheimer's Society and other useful organisations;
6. that information on raising awareness of dementia, for all members of the public, be prepared by the Social Care and Well Being Directorate and circulated by the Head of Corporate Finance and Information Services with the Council Tax demands for 2011/12, the wording to be approved by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care), prior to its circulation;
7. that the Cabinet be requested to acknowledge that dementia, and care for people with it, particularly for those people living alone without support networks, will increase in the future and place increasing demands on the Council and the NHS;
8. that the Cabinet be requested to note that Members of the Dementia Working Group intend to submit a motion to Council in due course, requesting support for a cross-political motion, calling on the government to recognise that Sefton has a high number of older people which is likely to increase, within its population, and that the Central Government Formula Grant should allow the Council to meet adequately the needs that this section of the community requires, in order for them to achieve good quality of life, based on relevant age thresholds that adequately reflect the additional costs incurred in caring for an elderly population;

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9.
 - A. that the Cabinet be requested to acknowledge the work undertaken by young carers of people with dementia and to request the Director of Social Care and Well Being to report on the provision of respite for them; and
 - B. that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) be requested to support the above recommendation;
10. that the development of the Sefton Dementia Strategy be welcomed and progress be reported to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) on an annual basis;
11. that NHS Sefton be requested to provide information regarding:-
 - (a) the amount allocated to deliver the national dementia strategy, whether this figure is ring-fenced and what it will be used for; and
 - (b) care of patients with dementia who are admitted to hospitals;
12. that, NHS Sefton be requested to ensure that GPs are provided with:-
 - (a) training, in order to detect early signs of dementia; and
 - (b) full information on treatment and support available within the Borough;
13. that NHS Sefton be requested to note that it is considered to be good practice for GPs to follow up those patients who go into care and nursing homes and to visit them, and to cascade this information to GPs throughout the Borough;
14. that Mersey Care NHS Trust be requested to consider:-
 - A. extending facilities for dedicated memory clinics throughout the Borough, particularly in the south and east, to possibly include the centres for health and well-being; &
 - B. whether the standard of testing at memory clinics requires revision; &
15. that One Vision Housing, and other large social housing providers within the Borough, be requested to consider implementing mechanisms to identify, and offer support to, customers with early signs of dementia, particularly those who live alone.

KEY DECISION:

YES

FORWARD PLAN:

YES – Plan to be published 14 April 2010

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

Immediately following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

NONE

IMPLICATIONS:**Budget/Policy Framework:** NONE**Financial:**

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

There are no financial implications arising as a direct result of this report.

In the Dementia strategy report put to the Cabinet in March 2010, the following statement was included:-

" the forecast for additional care costs relating to increased demand and an ageing population have been built into the Council's Medium term financial plan"

Any additional costs resulting from the recommendations of the Working Group will be requested from within the Adult Social Care revenue budget

NHS Sefton and Mersey Care NHS Trust, will also be invited to report back to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Health & Social Care) on any cost implications associated with the recommendations made to them.

Legal: N/A

Risk Assessment: N/A

Asset Management: N/A

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

Community Services Group Accountant, Finance & Information Services Department.;

Assistant Director – Adult Services, Health & Social Care Directorate;

Mental Health Joint Commissioning Manager, NHS Sefton;

The Manager of a Residential Rest Home;

A carer of a relative, living in their own home;

Sefton Carers;

Sefton LINKs; &

Services Manager, Alzheimer’s Society, Southport & Formby Branch.

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

Outlined in the reference section of the attached report

BACKGROUND:

The Dementia Working Group, established by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Health & Social Care) has undertaken a review on issues surrounding dementia and its' final report is attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested to support the recommendations and commend them to the Cabinet for approval.

The Cabinet is requested to approve the recommendations.