

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Report of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group

Title of Report: Living Well with Dementia: A Dementia Strategy for Dudley

1 Purpose of Report

This report is to inform the committee of the Dudley Dementia Strategy that has gone out for consultation for a 12 week period from Monday October 29th to January 21st 2013.

The report was developed by the Dudley Dementia Strategy Group that has cross health economy representation including a carer and voluntary organisations.

2. Background

During the last 15 months there has been a concerted focus and close partnership working to improve dementia services across Dudley. The integrated approach and attention to personalised care via the Dudley Dementia Gateways has been recognised in winning a West Midlands Care Award, and being short-listed for a national award. However, there is still much to be achieved and a strategy is needed to set out the framework for developing services over the next 3 years.

The strategy sets out the vision, background and context of dementia, the demographics, national context and the views of service users and carers from two initial consultation workshops held locally this past summer.

The principle **aims** for improving services for people with dementia and their carers are as follows:-

- Developing and re-designing clear pathways for people to access and move through services
- Improving the patient experience and quality of life
- Strengthening joint working across agencies, developing new models of service provision
- Standardising one holistic assessment process across all agencies
- Improving the service in line with evidence-based research and to meet, or exceed the recommendations in relevant policies or guidelines.
- Monitoring & evaluating the impact of these changes by consulting with service users and carers on the impact of these changes on the service provided.
- Challenging ageist stereotypes

The document 'Living Well with Dementia' stipulates how the strategy will be delivered in the form of **objectives** (taken from the National Dementia Strategy, National Institute Clinical Excellence Quality Standards for Dementia and others), identifying what we currently have in place, what we need to deliver and tangible outcomes.

A central recommendation is the development of a service specification for dementia and older adult services with the Dudley Walsall Mental Health Trust.

There are 5 key questions in the strategy as follows:-

- **Do people agree with the vision?**
- **Do the perspectives of service users reflect your experiences or for health professionals is this your perception of the user experience?**
- **Do you think the objectives will meet the needs of people with dementia and their families and carers?**
- **Is there anything additional in the detailed proposals that you would like to see or anything not required?**
- **Are there any other comments or issues that you would like to add?**

3. Finance

There are no financial implications identified at the consultation stage

4. Law

No legal issues identified by this report

5. Equality Impact

A dementia workshop was held in June 2012 as part of a public consultation event on the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group. A service user and carer workshop was held on September 4th 2012.

Both events explored and obtained service users/carers perspectives of what we have got right, not got right and key priorities in relation to pre-diagnosis, diagnosis, on-going care and crisis situations

The consultation will include sharing the strategy with the MBC management committee, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group Executive, Health Care Forum, Mental Health Boards, Dudley Group of Hospitals, Dudley Alzheimer's Society, Age UK Dudley, Dudley Dementia Gateways and is also published on the Dudley MBC and CCG websites.

6. Recommendation

Members are asked to

- i. Note the Dudley Dementia Strategy and the consultation questions
- ii. Respond to the commissioner before the consultation close date on any particular approaches or issues that need to be further included

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List of Background Papers

'Living Well with Dementia': A Dementia Strategy for Dudley