



Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18 January 2012

Report of the Assistant Director, Integrated Commissioning

Dementia Strategy and Action Plan

Summary

1. This paper sets out progress towards the National Dementia Strategy and the local plan and activities to deliver the Strategy in York.

Background

2. The National Dementia Strategy for England was published on 3rd February 2009.
3. It identified 17 key objectives which, when implemented, should result in a significant improvement in the quality of services and promote a greater understanding of the causes and consequences of dementia.
4. In 2010, the Department of Health produced an updated implementation plan 'Quality Outcomes for people with dementia; building on the work of the National Dementia Strategy'. It identified four priority outcomes:
 - Good quality early diagnosis and support
 - Improved care in hospital
 - Living well with dementia in care homes
 - Reducing the use of anti-psychotic drugs
5. North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust have been leading work since 2009, to develop a joint local dementia strategy, covering both City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

6. In York a working group has been looking at the strategy, on behalf of the York Mental Health and Modernisation Partnership Board, since early 2010 . The working group has identified the priorities for York from the National Strategy, and produced suggestions for a plan to address these priorities.
7. 45 national organisations launched the 'Dementia Declaration' and invited wider sign up to the Declaration as a way of committing organisations to the delivery of the outcomes within the Quality Outcomes.

Consultation

8. The national strategy was developed following extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including significant input from people living with dementia, and their carers.
9. The North Yorkshire and York Strategy used information from Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviews in both North Yorkshire and York, and undertook local mapping exercises involving a wide range of key stakeholders. Separate discussions were held with groups of people with dementia and their carers to gain their views on the current services and what they felt could be improved to provide better treatment and care. The main issues raised were:
 - Not knowing who to turn to for support when symptoms cause concern
 - Not being listened to particularly in the early stages and particularly by primary care
 - Carers not being listened to when the cared for person is having tests or treatment for the dementia or another condition.
 - Lack of respite for the carers.
10. The York Dementia Working Group has involved a wide range of stakeholders including service providers from health, the independent sector and the Council, the voluntary sector and service users and carers.
11. Further work is in progress within the city, led by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, to engage more actively with people living with dementia to give them a stronger voice in the development of services, as the strategy is implemented. 'Dementia Without

Walls' is a 12 month project to support people living with dementia to suggest how a city can become more dementia friendly.

Options and Analysis

Please note the following four points:

12. **The North Yorkshire and York Dementia Strategy (Annex A)** outlines the high level information about dementia services in the whole of the NHS North Yorkshire and York Cluster (NHS NYY) area, and provides an outline framework for action to address the objectives of the original National Dementia Strategy. The final version of this strategy was recently agreed by the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services on 28th November 2011.

The principles and direction of travel are consistent with the national strategy, and the subsequent four priority outcomes, but because of its overarching nature it does not give a strong sense of the priorities and action proposed in York. Within North Yorkshire County Council and NHS NYY there is a commitment to the Dementia Network driving the actions within the County. The Network was set up as a result of comments made by staff in York and North Yorkshire as well as a North Yorkshire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny review. The Network aims to ensure learning and good practice is shared widely.

13. **The report of the York Dementia Working Group (Annex B)** provides a more detailed review of the services for people living with Dementia in York. This was presented to the York Mental Health Partnership Board on 28th July 2011. During the development of the report progress has already been made in the City in respect of the objectives of the National Strategy, with work on a local pathway led by the Vale of York CCG, and the commissioning of a new memory advisor service by the NHS NYY and the previous GP commissioning Group in York. Care home providers have started to share good practice, across the independent sector and Council providers, and social care commissioners have begun to work more closely with care homes to assure and improve quality. Our review of residential care homes and the proposal to develop more community based care and improve the quality of care homes will also contribute to the delivery of the strategy and action plan. The Working Group's

report gives some sense of where, providers and commissioners believe the priorities lie in York.

14. **The Dementia Declaration (Annex C)** was signed by 45 organisations in October 2010. Created in partnership with people with dementia and their carers, the Declaration explains the huge challenges presented to our society by dementia and some of the outcomes we are seeking to achieve for people with dementia and their carers. Outcomes range from ensuring people with dementia have choice and control over decisions about their lives, to feeling a valued part of family, community and civic life. Commitment to the Declaration requires publication of an Action Plan setting out what we will do to secure these outcomes and improve the quality of life of people with dementia by 2014.

CYC has agreed to sign up to the Dementia Declaration (as approved by the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services on 28th November 2011).

15. **The CYC Action Plan (Annex D)** is a response from the Council to the York Dementia Working Group report, and shows what can be achieved within the resources currently available to the Council. It also addresses the commitment requested through the Dementia Declaration. This plan was agreed by the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services on 28th November 2011.

The York Dementia Working Group intends to monitor progress towards this action plan. Please note, another key priority of the Working Group is to support the work of the Joseph Rowntree Dementia Without Walls project.

Council Plan 2011-15

16. The proposals within this report support the Council Plan and priorities in respect of ensuring those who are most vulnerable are protected.

Implications

Financial

17. There are no financial implications to the recommendations in this report. The proposals within the action plan would be delivered within existing resources.

Human Resources (HR)

18. There are no immediate HR implications to this report. The action plan does however include the further development of the York Workforce Development Strategy, in conjunction with our partners.

Equalities

19. The issues addressed within this report have implications for the following equality strands: age; disability; gender; carers. None of the recommendations would disadvantage people within these groups – the purpose of the strategy is to improve access to services and support, and the quality of life for people within these strands

Legal

20. There are no legal implications

Crime and Disorder

21. There are no crime and disorder implications

Information Technology (IT)

22. There are no IT implications.

Property

23. There are no property implications.

Risk Management

24. There are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report that need to be considered for active management.

Recommendations

25. The Committee is invited to:
- Note the North Yorkshire and York Dementia Strategy;
 - Note the Executive Summary of the York Dementia Working Group Report.
 - Note that we have signed up to the National Dementia Declaration.
 - Note the priorities we have identified in the local action plan.
To comment, as appropriate, on the above papers.
 - The Committee may wish to request updates on progress in this area.

Reason: To update the Committee on progress towards the delivery of the National Dementia Strategy in York.

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Annexes:

- Annex A** The North Yorkshire and York Dementia Strategy
Annex B York Dementia Working Group Report
Annex C The Dementia Declaration

Annex D City of York Council Action Plan