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## Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Report of the Head of Civic, Legal & Democratic Services

### **Update on Recommendations Arising from the Dementia Review (Access to Secondary Care)**

#### **Summary**

1. This report presents Members with an update on progress made in relation to implementing the recommendations arising from the 'Dementia Review' (Accessing Secondary Care).

#### **Background**

2. Between July 2008 and November 2008 the Health Scrutiny Committee undertook a review of the experiences of older people with mental health problems (and their families/carers) who accessed general health services for secondary care in order to identify where improvements may be required.
3. Over a series of meetings, both formal and informal, the Committee heard evidence from a variety of sources to ensure that they built a comprehensive picture of experiences, barriers faced, and possible beneficial improvements to services. As a result of these inquiries the Committee formulated several recommendations.
4. Recommendation 7 of the final report of the Dementia Review requested that all service providers (City of York Council, NHS North Yorkshire & York, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and York Hospitals Trust) report back to the Committee in 6 months time to inform them of the progress made. The original recommendations and the 6 monthly update are set out in the table contained within Annex A to this report

#### **Consultation**

5. Representatives from the following organisations were consulted and all provided updates and information for this report (Annex A refers):
  - Director and Staff in Housing and Adult Social Services Directorate at City of York Council
  - Representatives of NHS North Yorkshire & York (formerly known as North Yorkshire & York Primary Care Trust)
  - Representatives from York Hospitals Foundation Trust

- Representatives from the Yorkshire Ambulance Trust

## **Options**

6. Members should consider whether they wish to receive further updates on progress and if so at what intervals

## **Analysis**

7. The information contained within Annex A to this report outlines progress made to date regarding implementing the recommendations arising from the Dementia Review. The information is by no means complete and Members may wish to consider asking for a further progress update in 6 months time.

## **Corporate Priorities**

8. This report and the information set out within it are directly in line with the Corporate Strategy theme of being a Healthy City – ‘we want to be a city where residents enjoy long, healthy and independent lives.’

## **Implications**

9. **Financial** – There are no known financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report. There may be some financial implications for all health service providers in terms of providing funding to develop the Psychiatric Liaison Service and training staff.
10. **Legal** – There are no known legal implications associated with the recommendations within this report.
11. There are no known Human Resources (HR), Equalities or other implications associated with the recommendations within this report.

## **Risk Management**

12. There are no known risks associated with this report.

## **Recommendations**

13. Members are asked to note the report and progress made on implementation of the recommendations arising from the Dementia Review. They are also asked to decide whether they wish for further updates and at what intervals.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

All

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**Background Papers:**

Final Report of the Dementia Review

**Annexes**

**Annex A** Update on implementation of recommendations arising from the Dementia Review