

West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board



Report Title: West Sussex Joint Dementia Strategy 2020-23

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Executive Summary

This paper concerns the refresh of the Dementia Framework 2014-19 and development of the new Joint Dementia Strategy 2020-23.

It sets out the work that has been done to review the progress that has been made to date and identify gaps in the pathway. The paper also summarises what has been done to ensure the new strategy has been developed collaboratively with statutory and voluntary sector partners, with family and friend carers and individuals living with dementia.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- 1) Review the draft West Sussex Joint Dementia Strategy 2020-23 and support its launch in the spring.
- 2) Provide ongoing oversight, of progress against the strategy.
- 3) Champion the new Dementia Strategy and the need for additional investment to maximise the preventative value of supporting those living with dementia to remain as independent as possible.

1. Background

- 1.1 In 2014, West Sussex County Council in partnership with all three Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs); Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex and Coastal West Sussex, launched its first joint strategy for dementia; the Dementia Framework West Sussex 2014-19.
- 1.2 On the 5 February 2018, a HASC Business Planning Group was briefed that a full review of Framework led by WSCC and all 3 CCGs would be undertaken.
- 1.3 A robust review of the Framework took place during 2018. The review was based on health and social care performance data and on findings from an extensive stakeholder engagement exercise.

- 1.4 It was a county-wide engagement that comprised focus groups, interviews and on-line surveys. In total, 366 family carers, people living with dementia and health and social care staff took part.
- 1.5 It was found that there had been some progress since the launch of the Dementia Framework in 2014. For example, the diagnosis rate has increased from 46% in 2014 to 66.1% in November 2019, there has been an improved offer of post-diagnostic support for the individual and their family carers from Dementia Advisers and Dementia Support Workers and dementia friendly communities have grown and extended their reach and there is now 9 Local Dementia Action Alliances in the county. There is still more to do to improve the experience of people affected by dementia. Findings from the review have been used to refresh the Dementia Framework and set priorities for the Dementia Strategy 2020-23.
- 1.6 A task & finish group comprising representatives from health and social care statutory and voluntary and community sector providers have met regularly to drive through the development of the strategy. Alongside this, 4 focus groups comprising people living with dementia and/or family and friend carers from Worthing, Crawley, Horsham and Chichester have met to provide feedback to the task & finish group.
- 1.7 The task & finish group agreed a number of gaps in the pathway for someone with dementia and there have been a number of sub groups meeting to look at these gaps in more detail. Objectives of the sub groups have been to:
- explore and agree a plan for ensuring there is a joined up approach to how people with complex and challenging behaviour receive good quality care and support;
 - agree a plan for how we work collaboratively to support Dementia Friendly Communities to become sustainable and for them to extend their reach and spread;
 - clarify the current pathway of diagnosis and post-diagnostic support for people with Alcohol Related Dementia and to agree a map or pathway to support;
 - explore how we raise awareness of dementia amongst Black and Minority Ethnic groups and how we ensure people from minority groups receive good quality post-diagnostic support;
 - identify gaps and agree a plan for how family and friend carers access information and advice and support throughout their journey
 - identify gaps and agree a plan for how people with dementia have access to meaningful person-centred daytime activities;
 - explore the current process for care planning and agree a plan for ensuring people living with dementia have a care plan in place that is holistic and empowers the person living with dementia to live well with dementia;
 - identify a pathway to diagnosis and support for people with learning disabilities and agree training required for support staff.

There is currently no additional funding identified for the implementation of the new Dementia Strategy and all of the above sub groups have therefore looked at what can be achieved in the current financial climate and what can be achieved if there is a little or a lot more funding available in the future. These

aspirations have been included alongside the delivery plan together with some estimated costings to be used as a basis for any future business case.

2. Proposals

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3. Next Steps

The draft Dementia Strategy will go to HASC in March for sign-off. Following this, there will be a public launch in Spring 2020.

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Appendices:
Draft West Sussex Dementia Strategy 2020-23

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