



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

DATE: 13/11/2019

REPORT TITLE	<i>Dementia Strategy</i>
REPORT OF	Nesta Hawker Director of Commissioning

REPORT SUMMARY

Background

Dementia is one of four key priority areas within the Healthy Wirral Mental Health Programme. As part of the dementia workstream, one of the main objectives was to update and refresh the Wirral Dementia Strategy for 2019-2022.

In November 2018, an engagement exercise took place with people with dementia, carers, families and people who work with people with dementia. The aim of this exercise was to understand people’s experiences of dementia on Wirral, from pre-diagnosis to end of life, and areas where the health and care system were working well, and areas where improvement was needed. We spoke to over 200 people as part of this engagement, and feedback received from participants helped shape the Strategy alongside our local Dementia Strategy Board and national documentation.

The strategy is structured around NHS England’s “Well Pathway for Dementia” which is based on NICE guidelines and includes the following themes:

- Preventing well
- Diagnosing well
- Living well
- Supporting well
- Planning well (also known as “dying well”)

Major areas of focus within the strategy include healthy lifestyle promotion to prevent people from developing dementia, redesigning secondary care dementia services, improving post-diagnostic support, developing dementia friendly communities and services, and promoting the importance of early end of life planning to ensure that people’s end of life care wishes are known.

Currently, 5 task and finish groups have been formed with representatives from our NHS Trusts, primary care, social care and third sector organisations to begin work on the strategy objectives.

The Wirral Dementia Strategy was signed off by the Dementia Strategy Board on 22nd August 2019 and by the Mental Health Programme Board on 2nd October 2019.

We are aiming to publish the strategy in November 2019.

RECOMMENDATION/S

For information only.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The strategy has been signed off by the Dementia Strategy Board and the Mental Health Programme Board. This is for the information of members of the Health and Wellbeing Board only.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

5.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

N/A

6.0 RELEVANT RISKS

N/A

7.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

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8.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A (Any redesign of dementia services will be informed and accompanied by the relevant equality impact assessments)

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APPENDICES



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REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
N/A	