



## DELEGATED DECISION BY PORTFOLIO HOLDER

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<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>DEMENTIA STRATEGY</b>
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### REPORT SUMMARY

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (Wirral CCG), in conjunction with partners, has refreshed the Wirral Dementia Strategy. The strategy outlines the policies and services that will help improve the lives of people with dementia and their carers.

The Strategy outlines the ambition for dementia care in Wirral over the next four years (2019-2022) and is based on the five priority areas of NHS England's '**The Well Pathway for Dementia**' – See Appendix 2

- Preventing Well
- Diagnosing Well
- Supporting Well
- Living Well
- Dying Well

The Dementia strategy is a key strand of the Wirral Vision that 'Older People Live Well'.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough.

This is not a key decision.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

- That the Dementia Plans be approved.
- That Wirral Council will work in partnership with NHS Wirral CCG to support the delivery and implementation of the Wirral Dementia Strategy.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 Adoption of the Wirral Dementia Strategy will allow co-ordinated and effective services to be delivered to people with dementia, and their carers, across Wirral.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

N/A

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Wirral Dementia Strategy was produced by Wirral's Dementia Strategy Board. The Board was re-established in January 2018 and is chaired by a local GP who is the Clinical Lead for Mental Health for NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group.

- 3.2 A range of statutory and non-statutory organisations are represented at the board including; Wirral Health & Care Commissioning, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Wirral Health and Care Community NHS Foundation Trust, Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Wirral Borough Council, Age UK Wirral, Community Action Wirral, Alzheimer's Society, Healthwatch Wirral, Dementia Together Wirral, Wirral Dementia Action Alliance (DAA), WIRED, Life Story Network, Wirral Multi-cultural Organisation and Wirral Mencap. Members from our non-statutory services, specifically Dementia Together Wirral and Wirral DAA, represent the views of people living with dementia and their family and carers.

### **3.3 THE PREVALENCE AND RATES OF DEMENTIA IN WIRRAL**

- As of January 2019, there are currently 3,073 people aged 65+ who have a recorded diagnosis of dementia in Wirral
- Overall, projections estimate that the total number of people with dementia in Wirral will increase from 5,086 in 2019 to 7,135 in 2035
- Dementia rates are expected to increase in Wirral by 40.7% between 2019 and 2035. This is lower than the projected England increase of 50.2% over the same period
- The sharpest increase in dementia prevalence rates are estimated to be in the older populations. For example, those aged 90+ are estimated to see a 53% increase between 2019 and 2035
- The prevalence of early onset dementia (aged under 65) is estimated to decrease by 12% between 2019 and 2035 in Wirral. For England, this figure is an increase of less than 2%
- Wirral has an estimated diagnosis rate of 68.6% for those aged 65+ for the latest quarter of 2018/19 - this is better than the national rate of 68.0%
- At both a Wirral and England level, it is estimated that early-onset dementia is more common in males (58.2% for Wirral and 58.8% for England)

- For late-onset dementia, however, it is more common in females (64.3% for Wirral and 63.4% for England)
- The ratio of inpatient service use to recorded dementia diagnoses increased between 2015/16 and 2017/18 for Wirral, Cheshire and Merseyside and England
- The largest proportion of dementia-related inpatient admissions typically lasted less than 7 days (40.1%) between 2013/14 and 2017/18
- The proportion of dementia-related short stay emergency admissions between 2014/15 to 2016/17 in Wirral have increased
- Just over 80% of inpatient admissions came through Accident & Emergency between 2013/14 and 2017/18
- The most common primary diagnosis for dementia-related conditions was pneumonia (9.0%) following by disorders of the urinary system (7.2%) and septicaemia (5.3%)
- The actual costs involved in prescribing dementia drugs in Wirral have decreased by 50.1% from 2014/15 to 2018/19
- Services provided to those with a recorded condition of dementia, aged 65+, by the Wirral Department of Adult Social Services (DASS) increased by 68% between 2013/14 and 2017/18
- The largest single services provision was “Assistive Technology” (18.92%). However, an aggregation of residential services showed that 1 in 4 (24.52%) received support outside of the home environment
- Claughton ward had the highest rate of service users with a recorded condition of dementia as at January 2019
- Dementia-related deaths occurring at home have repeatedly increased in Wirral and in England. On the other hand, dementia-related deaths occurring at hospital have repeatedly decreased since 2011/12
- The Alzheimer’s Society estimates that those with Down’s Syndrome have a 50% chance of developing dementia after they reach the age of 60
- There is expected growth in the number of people from BAME communities who will develop dementia as the BAME population ages

Source:

Wirral Intelligence Service <https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/jsna/dementia/>

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The total cost of dementia in the UK is around £26.3 billion.
- 4.2 The NHS picks up £4.3 billion of the costs and social care £10.3billion.
- 4.3 Of the £10.3 billion in social care costs, £4.5 billion is attributed to Local Authority Social Services for state funded care. The remaining £5.8 billion is what people with dementia and their families pay out annually for help with everyday tasks that are provided by professional care workers, such as washing, dressing and eating.

- 4.4 Two thirds of the cost of dementia (£17.4 billion) is paid by people with dementia and their families, either in unpaid care (11.6 billion) or in paying for private social care.

Source:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/about-us/policy-and-influencing/dementia-uk-report>

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 No legal implications.

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 The costs and resources to support the Dementia Strategy can be met from existing resources.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

N/A

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 An engagement exercise with local people living with dementia (including carers and family members) was conducted in early 2019; the views and feedback from this engagement exercise have helped shape this strategy. Click [here](#) to access the full engagement report (<https://wirralccg.nhs.uk/media/5983/dementia-engagement-full-report-final-may-2019-2.pdf>).
- 8.2 The Wirral Dementia Strategy will be reviewed and updated (at least every two years) in light of feedback from service users, their families and carers, the evolving needs of our community and national mandates. This will involve ongoing engagement with people with dementia, families, carers and health and care professionals throughout the implementation of this strategy to inform the reviews and updates.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Strategy (Health & Care, Intelligence, Communications, Growth, Health & Wellbeing, Strategy, Environment, Schools Commission, Housing Commission)

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equalityimpact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2017-0>

- 9.2 Delivery (Customer Services, Adult & Disability Services, Community Services, Merseyside Pension Fund, Environmental Services)

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equalityimpact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2017/>

## 10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The content and/or recommendations contained within this report are expected to have no impact on emissions of CO2.

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## APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Wirral Dementia Strategy 2019-2022 FINAL  
Appendix 2: NHS England 'The Well Pathway for Dementia'  
Appendix 3: Wirral Dementia Strategy Engagement

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

### SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date