

WIRRAL PLACE BASED PARTNERSHIP BOARD**Thursday 10th November 2022**

REPORT TITLE:	WIRRAL DEMENTIA STRATEGY 2022 - 2025
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONING (WIRRAL PLACE)

REPORT SUMMARY

Wirral Place Dementia Strategy for 2022-2025 reviews the ambitions outlined in the previous 2019-2022 strategy, which were not achieved due to the impact of Covid-19, and defines the priority areas, actions, and outcomes over the next four years to meet our vision for how dementia care and support is delivered across all wards within the borough.

Since the pandemic began people living with dementia have been disproportionately affected, with dementia being the most common pre-existing condition for people who have died from COVID -19.

The focus of this strategy is structured around NHS England's Well Pathway for Dementia and focuses on recovery from Covid-19, and better integration across health and care services to deliver the best outcomes for our population who may have dementia, as well as those who care for them.

Greater alignment of services and more creative responses to people's needs and aspirations will lead to individuals being diagnosed with dementia earlier and having more community-based support in place to enable them to live independently for longer.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Wirral Place Based Partnership Board is recommended to approve the Wirral Place Dementia Strategy for 2022-2025.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 This strategy sets out the Wirral's ambition to recover from the impact of Covid-19 and establish Wirral as a place where people who are living with or affected by dementia can truly 'live well'.
- 1.2 The strategy and action plans will develop as goals are achieved and will respond appropriately to change. We will be responsive to the information we gain through the involvement of organisations, groups and local people, particularly those living with and affected by dementia (including carers) as well as national mandates.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This strategy also sets out the strategic vision for Wirral to;
 - Reduce the risk/delay of the onset of dementia via preventative measures
 - Support people to live well with dementia (including carers) within their local communities
 - Ensure appropriate planning and support is in place so people are well cared for when the condition escalates.

This strategy and its associated action plans do not stand alone. Dementia is a key priority nationally as identified in the NHS Long Term Plan and Mental Health Implementation Plan and Wirral's Frailty Strategy.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The strategy includes a vision statement "For Wirral to be a borough which supports and is inclusive of people with dementia and their carers so they can enjoy the best possible quality of life and remain independent for longer. When people do need care, this will be high quality, person centred and delivered seamlessly across the health and social care system."
- 3.2 Wirral has a population of over 330,000 and is an area with significant inequalities, especially in relation to deprivation which is most prevalent in East Wirral; this leads to greater health inequalities and poorer health outcomes. In addition, Wirral has an older age profile when compared to the national average, especially those aged 65+.

One in three people over 65 in Wirral live alone, which equates to around 24,000 people.

Currently, there are over 3,000 people aged 65+ who have a diagnosis of dementia in Wirral (although we know there are people living with dementia without a diagnosis). Projections estimate that the total numbers of people living with dementia in Wirral will more than double to over 7,000 by 2035.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It should be noted that the strategy has responsibilities for service delivery across the Wirral health and care system.
- 4.2 Implementation of the Wirral Dementia Strategy 2022-2025 will be undertaken within existing Health, Adult Social Care and Public Health budgets. This is subject to review and potential necessary investment as per the Mental Health Investment Standards for Wirral Place in the Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council has duties under the Care Act 2014 to proactively assess the needs of adults with needs for care and support in the area and meet those needs where certain eligibility criteria are met. Many individuals living with dementia will have eligible needs as defined by the Care Act and as such this strategy will assist in the discharge of those duties.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 Existing Officer resources will be required to provide leadership and implementation of the Wirral Dementia Strategy 2022-2025.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 The risks associated with people living with dementia, and their carers', includes, but is not limited to the following:
- Lack of support with encouraging a healthy lifestyle which helps to lower the risk of dementia and supports people to live longer, healthier lives.
 - Increase in barriers to diagnosis.
 - Suspension of community support services which offer much needed post diagnostic support.
 - Delays in discharges from acute to community settings and
 - Being unable to visit and support loved ones in acute care and care homes.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 This strategy has been developed in partnership with health and social care professionals working with people living with dementia across statutory and non-statutory services as well as feedback from people living with dementia, including carers and families.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 An equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed and can be found at this link <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Consideration will be given to environmental and climate implications in the planning and implementation of services which are commissioned as a result of the implementation of the strategy's recommendations.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Health, Adult Social Care and Public Health provider organisations employ significant numbers of Wirral residents who contribute to the local economy. People with dementia should have greater opportunity to reach their aspirations for work, housing, leisure, learning and volunteering which in turn will positively impact on the vibrancy and development of local communities and economies.

11.2 The Adult Social Care and Public Health Directorate will work with other areas of the Council, which are not directly led by the department, to ensure community-based services consider residents with dementia as part of its strategic planning work.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft Wirral Dementia Strategy 2022-2025

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsinvolvingcovid19englandandwales/latest#pre-existing-conditions-of-people-who-died-with-covid-19>
2. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2016/03/dementia-well-pathway.pdf>
3. <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/>
4. <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-mental-health-implementation-plan-2019-20-2023-24/>
5. <https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/jsna/dementia/>
6. <https://www.wirralinfobank.co.uk/>
7. <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>
8. https://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/15366_wirral_daa

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee	11/10/2022