

**WIRRAL PLACE BASED PARTNERSHIP BOARD****THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

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

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The Wirral Dementia Strategy 2022-2025 is a joint strategy across the health and social care system which aims to improve the quality of dementia care across the borough.

Delivery of the Wirral Dementia Strategy 2022-2025 workplan continues to be facilitated through the Wirral Dementia Strategy Board.

This is the quarterly update report for this workstream.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Wirral Place Based Partnership Board is recommended to note the report update.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

1.1 Wirral Place Based Partnership Board is asked to note: -

- The detail within this report including the progress with the implementation of the 'Dementia Strategy 2022-2025' within Wirral place
  - Actions from the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board in November 2022:
    - Data on early onset dementia (aged 64 and under) to be included within Power BI figures, broken down (shown in Appendix 1)
    - Regeneration and Housing lead on the Dementia Strategy Board – discussions with Lisa Newman for an appropriate representative and a request that an update on the regeneration work in Birkenhead is presented to the Dementia Strategy Board for assurance on the dementia friendly status.
    - The Wirral Dementia Strategy presented at the Primary Care Council on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and the Primary Care Forum (PCN Clinical Directors) on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (presentation shown in Appendix 2).
- The key priority areas for the programme, shown below, to be agreed at the January 2023 Dementia Strategy Board. This will inform the development of a detailed project plan, with deliverables against all the actions, to be reported against project plan progress in the next update.
  - Preventing Well actions, supported by Public Health colleagues:
    - Monitoring NHS Health Checks, which includes the provision of information about dementia to those 40 years and over, particularly for carers.
    - Reduce the risk/delay of the onset of dementia via preventative measures and healthy lifestyle advice.
    - Raising awareness of dementia with the public and health professionals
  - Diagnosing well actions, to be a priority of the Wirral Dementia System Board over 2022-2025.
    - Achieve and maintain the national dementia target of 66.7% (Sept 2022 60% for Wirral Place).
    - Share & monitor GP practice level data highlighting current position and predicted target.
    - Ensure that there is appropriate support information from presentation to diagnosis.
    - Finalise the 'Dementia Resource' overview to ensure alignment and awareness of support across the borough.
    - Improve diagnostic rates for BAME and LD communities
    - Early identification of carers of people with dementia
    - To improve diagnosis, Wirral is one of fourteen pilot sites across the country to be part of the DiADeM (Diagnosing Advanced Dementia

Mandate) pilot (see press release under background papers) which aims to improve the diagnosis of dementia for care home residents. The provider will present an update to Professor Alistair Burns in February 2023.

- Supporting Well actions, to be a priority of the Wirral Dementia System Board over 2022-2025.
  - Ensuring that there is a community infrastructure to support people, and their carers and families, living with dementia in the community post diagnosis.
  - Promote the local crisis line wherever possible.
  - Promote the Herbert Protocol Initiative adopted by Merseyside Police to help find missing people with dementia.
  - Support carers to care for loved ones & themselves.
  - Encourage health professional to complete recommended dementia training to ensure their current knowledge of dementia is up to date.
- Living Well actions, to be supported by third sector organisations and Local Council colleagues:
  - Support people to live well with dementia (including carers) within their local communities
  - Support Wirral's "working to become dementia friendly status" focusing on recruiting & training more dementia friends and champions in the community
  - Support and promote activities which increase cognitive stimulation and reduce social isolation
  - Support people to maintain their own identity and independence
- Planning Well actions, to be championed and led by Wirral's Palliative and End of Life Care Partnership (PEOLC).
  - Ensure appropriate planning and support is in place so people are well cared for when the condition escalates.
  - People with dementia and their carers to be offered information regarding advance care and end of life (EOL) planning in a sensitive and timely manner and be supported/signposted to put these plans in place.
  - Staff to have access to relevant education and training in end-of-life planning and end of life care.
  - Ensure that carers are signposted to:
    - Local third sector organisations offering bereavement support and
    - Improving Access to Psychological Therapies services (IAPT) for bereavement counselling if appropriate.

## **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 Alignment of support across the borough with the aim of commissioning third sector services through the Wirral Mental Health Alliance, which is aligned to the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS).
- 2.2 Expansion of the GP Dementia local incentive scheme to encourage a dementia GP lead in each Primary Care Network, improve early diagnosis and support the increased demand for the memory assessment clinic.
- 2.3 The continued roll out of the NHS England DiADeM (Diagnosing Advanced Dementia Mandate) pilot within the care home setting (see under background papers for the link to further information).

## **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 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, the Mental Health Implementation Plan, the recently published 2023/24 priorities and operational planning guidance and then locally within the Wirral's Frailty Strategy.

## **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 There are no legal implications related to this update report.

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

- 6.1 There are no resource implications related to this update report.

## **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 [Equality Impact Assessments | wirral.gov.uk](https://www.wirral.gov.uk/equality-impact-assessments)

## **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 greenhouse gases.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Local employment via community, third sector and Local Authority in the provision of local support services. Community development via local service support redesign to focus upon individuals' needs. 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 Supporting Wirral's "working to become dementia friendly status" focusing on recruiting & training more dementia friends and champions in the community and working with local housing and regeneration teams to ensure dementia friendly communities.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Wirral Dementia Data Jan 2023

Appendix 2 – Primary Care Council & Forum Presentation Jan 2023

Appendix 3 – Wirral Dementia Strategy 2022-2025

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[NHS England » NHS launches new dementia diagnosis drive](#)

[PRN00021-23-24-priorities-and-operational-planning-guidance-december-2022.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Wirral Place Based Partnership Board	10/11/2022