

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

DATE: 17th September 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: National Dementia Action Alliance 'Carers' Call to Action'

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform members of the Health & Wellbeing Board of the National Dementia Action Alliance 'Carers' Call to Action' and invite individual member organisations of the Health & Wellbeing Board to pledge their support.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the contents of the report.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 A letter from the Secretary of State was sent to the Chairs of Health and Wellbeing Boards on 16th July 2014, relating to the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia.

3.2 The letter encourages Local Authorities to sign up to the National Dementia Action Alliance Carers' Call to Action. In addition to the Local Authority signing up, member organisations of the Health & Wellbeing Board are invited to sign up individually to make pledges specific to their organisation, thus increasing the number of organisations supporting the movement. Further information about the call to action can be found from the following link: <http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/carers>

3.3 The call to action outlines 5 aims of a shared vision:

Carers of people with dementia:

- 1) Have recognition of their unique experience - 'given the character of the illness, people with dementia deserve and need special consideration... that meet their and their caregivers needs' (World Alzheimer Report 2013 Journey of Caring).
- 2) Are recognised as essential partners in care - valuing their

knowledge and the support they provide to enable the person with dementia to live well.

- 3) Have access to expertise in dementia care for personalised information, advice, support and co-ordination of care for the person with dementia.
- 4) Have assessments and support to identify the on-going and changing needs to maintain their own health and well-being
- 5) Have confidence that they are able to access good quality care, support and respite services that are flexible, culturally appropriate, timely and provided by skilled staff for both the carer and the person for whom they care.

3.4 Supported by the Chair of the Halton Dementia Partnership Board, Halton Borough Council signed up to the call to action on 23rd July 2014, pledging to deliver the actions contained in the local dementia strategy by 2018, formation of a Halton Dementia Action Alliance with membership from health, social care, private, public and 3rd sector organisations, and involving carers of people with a dementia diagnosis in the redesign of the Halton Carer's Centre delivery model. The Halton Dementia Strategy demonstrates how we are already meeting, and activities to further support, the 5 aims of the call to action.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Policy Officer for Communities has been advised by the National Coordinator that there is no requirement to write an action plan or demonstrate outcomes.

4.2 It is envisaged by the National Coordinator that The Carers' Call to Action will develop into a support network for and with family carers to engage locally and nationally about the issues and examples of good practice.

4.3 By signing up to the Carers' Call to Action, with the evidence statement that the Halton Dementia Strategy meets the requirements of the five aims, Halton Borough Council will be permitted to use of the logo 'We support The DAA Carers' Call to Action'. Health & Wellbeing Board Member Organisations will be permitted to use the logo if they sign up their organisation.

4.4 Signing up to the call to action enables organisations to access on line peer support and other resources from the call to action network.

4.5 The Halton Dementia Partnership Board are coordinating the formation of a local Dementia Action Alliance, in which the Carers' Call to action will be promoted to member organisations as an action they can take towards becoming a dementia friendly organisation.

4.6 A report will be presented at the September Health & Wellbeing Board, inviting member organisations to sign up to the Carers' Call to Action.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Supporting positive outcomes for carers may have a direct impact on their health.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There is no risk associated with signing up to pledge support to the Carers' Call to Action, as the aims of the movement are reflective of the aims of the local dementia strategy which was ratified in early 2014.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None.