

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

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REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Halton's Dementia Strategy

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present Halton's Dementia Strategy to members of the Safer Policy & Performance Board.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That: Members of the Board note and comment on Halton's Dementia Strategy;

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The local dementia strategy was completed in February 2010 and was a direct response to the National Dementia Strategy – Living Well with Dementia (Department of Health, Feb 2009). The local strategy adopted the national targets as well as developing a specific implementation plan to deliver a range of improvements for people diagnosed with dementia and their carers.

3.2 There can be no doubt about the current and the future challenge posed by dementia. There are an estimated 24.3 million people with dementia worldwide, while in the UK, best estimates suggest that the number is currently 700,000, of whom approximately 570,000 live in England. Dementia costs the UK economy £17 billion a year, and in the next 30 years the number of people with dementia in the UK will double to 1.4 million, with the costs trebling to over £50 billion a year.

3.3 The table below outlines the current level of people diagnosed with dementia in Halton, the projected number for 2025 and the estimated costs to the local economy.

	2012	Cost to economy in millions	2025	Cost to economy in millions
Halton	1,143	£25.7*	1613	£39.2**

**calculations based on projected cost to the UK economy divided by number of people in the UK with dementia, multiplied by number of people diagnosed in Halton.*

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This cost is based on a national calculation and relates to a number of different elements including, primary care visits, secondary care, costs associated to specialist services, mental health services, cost to other services for example Police, voluntary sector. In addition to this the anticipated cost of informal carers in giving support to their families.

3.4 The revised local dementia strategy, 'Living well with dementia in Halton' (Appendix 1), and the associated 'needs' paper (Appendix 2) looks at the progress that has been made since the original strategy publication, as well as identifying some key actions that need to be completed over the next 5 years.

3.5 Key achievements made since the original strategy:

- A project Manager was appointed and employed by the 5 Borough Partnerships. Supported by a multi-agency steering group the project manager completed a mapping exercise of all of the existing pathways, referral processes and service delivery for people diagnosed with dementia. This work initially concentrated on the service delivered within Health, Social Care and 5 Boroughs, but was extended to incorporate voluntary and community services and has informed the recent development of the local dementia pathway.
- Implementation of the Later Life and Memory Service and associated pathway with the aim of a reduction in assessment waiting times.
- Dementia Care Advisors have been commissioned.
- Three Dementia Cafés have been established and more are being planned.
- Improved information provided on diagnosis from the Alzheimer's Society.
- Workforce development training commissioned to deliver basic awareness training, practitioner training and work based vocational training.

3.6 Priorities for 2013-2018 focus on the following areas:

- Prevention and raising awareness
- Early diagnosis, information and advice
- Living well in the community
- End of Life
- Workforce development
- Links to other workstreams

3.7 The 2013-2015 Strategy implementation plan outlines the key actions for future development in improving the outcomes for people with a dementia diagnosis, their families and carers. The implementation plan can be found within the 'Living well with dementia in Halton' Strategy document.

Research and Consultation

- 3.8 The strategy was developed taking into account findings from large scale national and international research and consultation, along with the local findings of the 2009/10 Halton Borough Council and Alzheimer's Society consultation and research project, 'Dementia Journey Halton'. HealthWatch Halton and the dementia support group 'Lunch Bunch' also provided feedback on the strategy objectives.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 National Policy is directing the future of dementia treatment and support. The launch of the Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia and the Care Bill places the focus on early diagnosis and person centred support, highlighting the role that families and carers play and the support that must be offered to them. These principals are reflected in the Living well with Dementia in Halton Strategy.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All financial and commissioning decisions will be managed through the Dementia Partnership Board in accordance with Standing Orders and financial regulations of both the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

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

The strategy has a direct impact on the health outcomes of people with a dementia diagnosis, and their families and carers.

6.4 A Safer Halton

The strategy has an impact on people with a dementia diagnosis in living well and living safely within our community.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 A risk log will be completed and managed through the Dementia Partnership Board.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 Policies and procedures that are developed or amended as a result of this strategy will be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

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

None identified under the meaning of the Act.