



**Dementia Update
Health Select
10th September 2024**

Wiltshire Council

Dementia Strategy – a **national** challenge

- Approximately 950,000 people live with dementia in the UK. 1 in 11 people aged 65+ have dementia. Dementia costs £25 billion per year in the UK
- In 2022, dementia was the leading cause of death in the UK. Many dementias do not yet have a treatment to prevent, cure or slow progression
- Supporting a person to live at home for as long possible is less expensive than a care home admission, and better for the person's quality of life
- However, this is only possible due to the huge caring contribution made by unpaid carers and specialist support offered by our providers

Wiltshire dementia strategy – 2023-2028

- All-age, joint strategy – supporting people with dementia and carers
- Aligned to national guidance (e.g. NICE), policy and strategy (National Dementia Strategy), as well as local strategies
- Informed by extensive co-production and engagement during 2023 – public, professionals, clinicians, Members (e.g. via Health Select) – over 400 people engaged, including 150+ people with dementia & carers
- Strengths-based approach, focus on prevention and early intervention, raising awareness, supporting communities, building resilience, enabling people
- **One Council approach – dementia is everybody’s business, not just social care**

Priority Outcomes

Preventing
well

Diagnosing
well

Supporting
well

Living well

Dying well

Priority Actions

- **Priority 1**
 - create a handbook (awareness, signposting) multiple languages and formats
- **Priority 2**
 - update dementia roadmap
- **Priority 3**
 - ensuring best practice is equitable across Wiltshire
- **Priority 4**
 - equitable coverage of Dementia Advisors, improve GP / PCN signposting
- **Priority 5**
 - audit of care professional's skillset, review accommodation provision
- **Priority 6**
 - equitable coverage of Dementia Community Services across Wiltshire
- **Priority 7**
 - extensive training matrix, professionals, carers, public (free and ££)
- **Priority 8**
 - high quality end of life care

Commissioned Services

- Two community-based contracts delivered by Alzheimer's Support
 - Dementia Advisors (£240,000 per annum)
 - Dementia Community Services (£340,000 per annum)
- Section 75 agreement with Wiltshire Council holding contractual responsibility
 - 50/50 funding split ICB / Wiltshire Council
- Contracts started 1st April 2024
 - Contract term 2+1+1 (break clause yr2 & yr3)

Dementia Advisors

- Service provides signposting, information and support
- Eligible people – with / suspected diagnosis and their carers who live in Wiltshire
- Access routes – self-referral, family, friends, healthcare professional, voluntary partners
- 5 key elements – Information, Identify needs, Support Plan, Reviews & Carers Support
- Work with Age UK, Citizens Advice Carer Support, Dorothy House, Acute Hospitals, Memory Service, & Care Homes
- Promote awareness and education campaigns
- Deliver training – Living with Dementia Programme
- Maintain Wiltshire Dementia Roadmap and ‘Support Village’

Dementia Community Services

- Service delivers 800+ sessions/groups pa with over 8500 attendees
- Key aims – active lifestyle, reduce isolation, provide practical / emotional support
- Access routes – self-referral, family, friends, healthcare professional, voluntary partners
- Types of groups – Memory Cafes, Music/Singing, Movement & Exercise, Discussion, Art/Craft, Memory Shed & Muddy Boots and Carers Support
- New contract asks for significant increases in offering aligned with stronger local partnerships to deliver equitable coverage across the county

Dementia Diagnosis & Treatment

- 2013 introduction of Dementia Local Enhanced Service (LES)
 - Greater assessment & diagnosis in Primary Care & Memory Clinics
 - Specialist AWP clinicians
 - Greater capacity to diagnose across primary & secondary care
 - Resulting in significantly reduced waiting times for assessment and treatment (prior to LES waiting times were more than 2 years)
- Present waiting time GP referral to AWP memory nurse is 6 weeks, with a further 3 months wait for consultation and diagnosis
- Memory Service works closely with Alzheimer's Support to ensure speedy referral to Dementia Advisors



Questions?

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