

Wiltshire Dementia Strategy

Consultation Factsheet

Introduction

This factsheet provides information about the draft Wiltshire Dementia Strategy and the formal consultation process that is being held.

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The strategy outlines plans for how organisations in Wiltshire will work together to support people with dementia and their carers and families to live well in Wiltshire. With the number of people with dementia predicted to rise by 28% in 2020 to 8,350 people, the key message of the strategy is that dementia is everyone's business and we all need to play our part in making Wiltshire a good place to live with dementia.

The strategy looks at the care and support services that are available for people from the point at which they start to have concerns about their memory through to the end of lives. It also focuses on the role that communities have in supporting people to live well with dementia.

The consultation

The consultation period starts on 20 February for three months and will finish on 19 May 2014.

Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group are inviting people with an interest in dementia, whether through personal or professional experience, to contribute their comments and viewpoints.

People can respond by completing the consultation survey. For copies, see the contact details at the end of this factsheet.

Frequently asked questions

Q. What is the purpose of the dementia strategy?

A. The strategy:

- covers a seven year period – 2014 to 2021.
- tells us about the population of Wiltshire who are living with dementia, including their experiences of care and support services and what they think needs improving.
- outlines how organisations in Wiltshire will work together to support people with dementia to live well and what people with dementia can expect from these organisations.
- tells us about the improvements that will be made to a range of services so that people are better supported to live well with dementia in Wiltshire.

Q. Who was involved in the development of the strategy?

A. Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group have led the development of the strategy, with input from people with dementia and their carers and support from the Wiltshire Dementia Delivery Board. Members of the Wiltshire Dementia Delivery Board include:

- Alzheimer's Society
- Alzheimer's Support
- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership
- Carer Support Wiltshire
- Dorothy House Hospice
- Great Western Hospital
- Prospect Hospice
- Royal United Hospital
- Salisbury Foundation Trust
- SWAN Advocacy
- Wiltshire and Swindon Users' Network
- NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Wiltshire Council

Q. How were people living with dementia involved in creating the strategy?

A. People living with dementia and their carers who attend community activities and groups were asked three questions about their experiences of living with dementia in Wiltshire:

- What is important to you?
- What is working well?
- What could be improved?

Their responses were used to inform the development of the strategy and the areas that need to be focused upon in the future. More information can be found in the Appendix F of the strategy.

Q. How was the strategy developed?

A. There were several pieces of work involved:

- Identifying national and local policies, guidance and priorities
- Analysing the Wiltshire population
- Engaging with people with dementia and their carers
- Agreeing what we want services to look like in Wiltshire
- Looking at current services in Wiltshire, including the gaps, and whether they are able to meet people's needs.

Q. Who has approved the draft strategy to date?

A. The Wiltshire Dementia Delivery Board, Wiltshire Council Cabinet and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning (CCG) Governing Body have been presented the draft strategy and approved it for formal consultation.

Q. How long do I have to submit a response to the consultation?

A. The consultation period is running from 20 February to 19 May 2014.

Q. I don't have access to the internet. How can I take part in the consultation?

A. All of the consultation documents are available as hard copies and can be requested using the contact details at the end of this factsheet. Reference copies of the documents are also available in local libraries across Wiltshire.

Q. I would like to participate in the consultation, but don't want to read a long document?

A. Easy read versions of the strategy and consultation survey are available.

Q. I am a member of an organisation/ group that would like to respond to the consultation. How does my group do this?

A. Your organisation or group can respond to the consultation by completing a copy of the consultation survey. If your organisation or group would like someone to discuss the strategy with them, please use the contact details at the end of this factsheet to submit a request. Please note that capacity to attend meetings and groups is limited, but every effort will be made to accommodate requests.

Q. What will happen when the consultation ends?

A. At the end of the consultation period, all responses will be analysed and the draft strategy will be reviewed in light of these. An updated strategy will then be presented to Wiltshire Council Cabinet and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Board Governing Body for final approval.

Further information

For more information about the consultation and to request copies of the consultation documents, please contact:

Visit website:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm

www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/have-you-say/consultations

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