

## MAJOR SCRUTINY REVIEW: *DEMENTIA*

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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A: Dementia Working Group Final Report

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To receive the Dementia Working Group's report providing recommendations for improvements to the way in which dementia services are currently provided in the Borough.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	Putting our residents first: Our People
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no direct cost implications arising from this report.
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee(s)</b>	External Services Scrutiny Committee and Social Services, Health and Housing POC
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	All

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Welcomes the announcement by the Prime Minister on 26 March 2012 that Government funding for dementia research will double to £66m by 2015 and believes this funding will be vital in increasing public awareness and understanding of the disease;
2. Welcomes the report of the Dementia Working Group; and
3. Accepts the recommendations of the Working Group report as reflected below:
  - i) To ensure timely assessment, diagnosis and treatment of dementia, Cabinet requests that NHS Hillingdon and the Local Clinical Commissioning Group be asked to explore the expansion of memory clinic services in Hillingdon and that this be done on a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency basis, reporting back to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
  - ii) That Cabinet gives its full support for the development of a single point of access through the Council's on-line information portal (which will be provided in partnership with the West London Alliance) to ensure that people with dementia and their carers/families can access timely information, advice and

**sign-posting to the memory clinic and other appropriate services to aid early diagnosis.**

- iii) That Cabinet endorses the Working Group's enthusiastic support for the wider distribution as well as online publication of the dementia information booklet (the 'red book') to GPs, other professionals and voluntary organisations and, in particular, to people with dementia and their carers. As such, Cabinet agrees that officers work with NHS partners to encourage them to identify funding streams to enable this wider distribution.**
- iv) That Cabinet takes into consideration the increasing pressure on those voluntary sector organisations that deliver services to people with dementia when developing its budget proposals for 2013/2014 onwards.**
- v) That Cabinet agrees that the information gathered from the Dementia Stakeholder Event held on 12 January 2012 and throughout this review be used to form the foundation of Hillingdon's Dementia Strategy.**
- vi) That Cabinet endorses the provision of a programme of effective basic training and continuous professional and vocational development in relation to dementia for community health and social care staff, GPs and staff within care homes to be developed jointly by the Council and NHS Hillingdon.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The recommendations are aimed at building upon the work currently undertaken by the Council and partner agencies in relation to the provision of services in the Borough for people with dementia and their carers and families. An improved service will contribute to improvements in residents' health and wellbeing.

### **Alternative options considered / risk management**

The Cabinet could decide to reject or amend one or more of the Working Group's recommendations.

### **Supporting Information**

1. The Dementia Working Group was set up by the External Services Scrutiny Committee to review and recommend improvements and formalisation of the Council's arrangement for addressing the issue of dementia in the Borough.
2. There are estimated to be 600,000 people in England with dementia and the numbers are expected to double in the next 30 years. Approximately one third of those with dementia have been formally diagnosed – therefore, two thirds of people with dementia remain undiagnosed and untreated. The estimated costs of dementia are expected to increase from £15.9 billion in 2009 (of which around £8.2 billion are direct health and social care costs) to £34.8 billion by 2026 – this is an increase of approximately 119%.
3. This increase in the number of cases of dementia will put increasing pressure on carers and the voluntary sector, as well as having significant financial implications for the Council and the health services.

4. The Working Group set out to establish what services and information were needed and valued by individuals with dementia and their families/carers and gained this information from the Stakeholder Event. The witness sessions were then used to speak to the voluntary, public and private sector service providers to establish what services were currently available for people with dementia and their families/carers.
5. The review took place between January 2012 and March 2012 and was presented to the External Services Scrutiny Committee on 28 March 2012 for its endorsement before submission to the Cabinet.
6. Relevant officers have been contacted and are happy to progress and follow up the recommendations within the report.
7. The Committee's report (attached) gives full details of the review.

### **Financial Implications**

At this stage, there are no financial implications relating to this report. Any further developments of this service will have to apply for funding through the appropriate methods.

### **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

#### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

The Committee's recommendations will provide a springboard for the Council to take those steps necessary to improve support offered to people with dementia and their carers and families.

#### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

Following a successful bid for three days of expert advisor support from the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), a dementia stakeholder event was held on 12 January 2012. Approximately 140 people attended the event. Although the majority of these attendees were carers of people with dementia, there were also representatives present from a range of statutory and voluntary organisations that work with individuals with dementia. The comments and suggestions gathered at the event identified a number of key areas of concern. These issues were the main focus for the Working Group.

During the course of the two site visits and the four witness sessions, the Committee also received evidence from residents, officers and experts as described in the attached report.

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and is satisfied that there are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any further developments of this service will have to apply for funding through the appropriate methods.

## **Legal**

Under the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet has the appropriate powers to agree the recommendations proposed at the outset of this report. There are no other significant legal implications arising out of this report to bring to Cabinet's attention.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.