



Health and Wellbeing Board 22 November 2013

2014 – the Year of Dementia Training & Awareness Raising for Shropshire

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1. Summary

1.1 A paper on the Dementia Strategy came to the Health and Wellbeing Board in April 2013 and the Board approved the process for developing the Dementia Implementation Plan and the encouraging the development of Dementia Friendly Communities.

1.2 Following which, the Dementia Implementation Plan was presented at the Health and Wellbeing Green Paper meeting in May. The Board recognised the good work developing around the dementia care pathways and community involvement through the on-going development of Compassionate Communities. However the Board felt that more could be done to integrate the work of Shropshire Council with the current developments with Health Services and the Community.

1.3 The Stakeholder Alliance provided some interesting feedback around patient and carer need with regard to Dementia and this was included in the Stakeholder Alliance report to the Board in April.

1.4 Subsequently, Adult Social Care provided further information for the Implementation Plan; highlighting work around 'Making it Real', People2People and Locality Commissioning; and the Health and Wellbeing Board further endorsed and communicated their commitment to developing appropriate services around dementia at the Green Paper meeting in October.

1.5 A Dementia Workshop was convened in October to test and understand with a wide range of stakeholders if the Dementia Implementation Plan was on the right track, to further explore need with stakeholders, and to highlight any gaps.

1.6 On the whole, workshops attendees were pleased to learn how the Dementia Implementation Plan was addressing need in Shropshire. The workshop also highlighted some key areas for development. These include:

- Community awareness raising, better coordination of training (Dementia Champions and Dementia Friends training) and encouraging better planning for our ageing population,
- Better links between People2People and the Community Care Coordinators, and other key CCG initiatives,
- Respite care.

1.7 As well, a key challenge from the day was to make 2014 – the Year of Dementia Training and Awareness Raising for Shropshire.

1.8 Issues from the event have been captured in a **Feedback and Response** document. This document highlights how concerns raised will be addressed, including how the Dementia Implementation Plan has been updated as a result of this work. This document alongside the Dementia Implementation Plan will be published on the Shropshire Together consultation pages.

1.9 Those who attended the workshop were keen to meet again in approximately six months time to talk about updates and evaluate progress.

1.10 The Long Term Conditions Community Development Sub-Group have agreed to drive forward the work around coordinating the Community Awareness Raising, Engagement and Training; however further mechanisms to support this work may be required.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board note the contents of this report.

2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board endorse **2014 as the Year of Dementia Training and Awareness Raising for Shropshire.**

2.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the development of a Dementia Stakeholder Reference group who will meet 6 monthly to discuss current service developments.

REPORT

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

Risk	Impact	Mitigation
Due to the rural nature of Shropshire, ensuring that all residents of Shropshire and service providers have access to Dementia awareness and training regardless of where they live or work, may prove difficult.	Potential that not all who would like awareness sessions and training will be able to receive it.	Good planning and coordination of training; including offering awareness sessions in the north and south of the county. Consider developing, buying or implementing on-line training
Opportunity	Impact	Action
There is a great opportunity for partners to work together to support the development of Dementia Implementation Plan and the development of Dementia Friendly Communities in Shropshire.	This should result in a positive impact for those who suffer from dementia and their families. It should also support the community and services helping people plan earlier for ageing.	Taking a proactive approach to delivering the joint Dementia Implementation Plan, that involves regular stakeholder feedback.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications at this time.

5. Background

5.1 See reports for April 2013 Health and Wellbeing Board [link](#)

6. Additional Information

6.1 None at this time.

7. Conclusions

7.1 See above.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Appendices