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Dear Councillor

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 20TH MAY, 2010

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Thursday, 20th May, 2010 meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

Dealing with Dementia (Pages 1 - 6)

Report of

To consider the following items in relation to dementia:

- Admiral Nurses

Yours sincerely

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Dementia UK in the North West

Dementia UK is working in the North West, supporting existing Admiral Nursing services and negotiating with health and social care commissioners and providers with the aim of expanding provision across the region.

Admiral Nurses

There are Admiral Nurses working in the following parts of the North West:

- **Preston** - in partnership with **Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust**
- **Manchester** - in partnership with **Manchester NHS Mental Health and Social Care Trust**
- **Bolton** - in partnership with **Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust**

A new Admiral Nursing service is being formed in **Knowsley**, in partnership with **NHS Knowsley**

The Knowsley Service will receive charitable support from **Dementia UK** and **Bupa CSR**.

Training and Learning Partnerships

Dementia UK offers the full portfolio of commissioned courses across the North West. The charity is also developing new learning partnerships with organisations working in the field of older people's care and dementia.

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Admiral Nurses are mental health nurses specialising in dementia care, working collaboratively with health and social care professionals and voluntary organisations to improve the experiences of those affected by dementia.

Admiral Nurses offer individualised support for family carers and people with dementia, which entails comprehensive assessment of need and provision of a range of therapeutic approaches designed to promote emotional well being and equip family carers with skills and information.

Admiral Nursing was established as a result of the experiences of family carers. Admiral Nurses are named after Joseph Levy who had vascular dementia and was known as “Admiral Joe” due to his keen interest in sailing.

Dementia UK is a national charity which works in partnership with the NHS, local authorities and other organisations to promote and develop Admiral Nursing and to support the practice of Admiral Nurses.

The specialist role of Admiral Nurses

Admiral Nurses work in partnership with family carers and people with dementia. The services they offer can include:

- Skilled person-centred assessments of the needs of family carers and individuals with dementia
- Psychological support to help family carers and people with dementia understand and deal with their feelings and emotions
- Relevant information in the appropriate amount of detail and in a way that can easily be understood
- Practical advice
- Helping family carers to develop and improve skills in care giving
- Clear guidance about how appropriate services and sources of support can be accessed in local areas
- Liaison with other professionals and organisations to ensure that families obtain co-ordinated support
- Therapeutic, psycho-educational and social support groups for family carers
- Referral to treatment and support services

Admiral Nurses work with family carers of all ages and people with any form of dementia including Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, Pick's disease, Lewy Body dementia and fronto-temporal dementia.



How can I find out more?

- Contact your local Admiral Nursing service



- Call or email Admiral Nursing DIRECT
- Contact Dementia UK

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