

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet

Date of Meeting:	1 st July 2014
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Care and Independent Living, Brenda Smith
Subject/Title:	Dementia Commissioning Plan
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Janet Clowes, Care and Health in the Community

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Council is putting residents first and taking strong action as dementia matters in Cheshire East Council. This is a change of direction in response to the Council's growing commitment to an illness that affects and will affect many residents in Cheshire East, now and increasingly in the future.
- 1.2 The Council intends to lead the way in engaging with and providing support to both people living with dementia and their families and carers; this is a growing area of need. The impact of dementia on the person living with dementia and their family is substantial and distressing. This can be reduced or ameliorated if good information and support is provided early. Support from both informal/community and formal sources are crucial to improving outcomes. The Council is taking a strong leadership role in the 'moral charge' required to respond to this potentially devastating illness. This report outlines the Council's response.
- 1.3 This report to Cabinet provides a fuller description of the commissioning plans for dementia. Some of the key priorities in that plan that the Council is committed to are:
 - i) Early diagnosis
 - ii) Early support and reablement
 - iii) Crisis support
- 1.4 Existing best practice locally will continue to be developed to build on existing positive support and new innovative approaches are being created and tested. This will be an ambitious agenda for the Council over the next 12 months. It will include mobilising all agencies, businesses and communities to play their part in supporting those living with dementia and their families and carers. The Council will innovate to ensure that better outcomes can be achieved by achieving more results for fewer resources in all commissioning.
- 1.5 There are many aspects to address to develop leading edge support for those with dementia and their carers; these are described below in outline. The

Council's Commissioning Plan for Dementia is provided with further detail at Appendix 1. There is more work to be done in some aspects of the plan to determine all the detailed actions required but many things are already in place or in progress. The Dementia Commissioning Plan is a strategic commissioning plan that covers the whole system, including communities. This encompasses key Adult Social care commissioning plans but also outlines whole system leadership, as that is what is required for this challenge.

Plans are already in place with CCG partners to ensure that:

- Individuals with symptoms are diagnosed in a timely and accurate way
- Individuals, their carers/families have information and support to enable them to help them make choices appropriate to their needs
- Individuals, their carers/families are supported and provided with information and about local travel schemes to enable them to access services
- All public facing health and social care staff will receive appropriate dementia training to support individuals, carers/families
- Individuals have access to treatment and support to enable them to have a sustained and improved quality of life

These are additional actions now in our commissioning plan:

- Ensure the Council as a whole is the leading example to all in its commitment to dementia support.

The Council has developed a number of innovative responses to dementia; one example is the dementia friendly library at Nantwich. To build on these positives the Council is developing the next stage action plan for all service areas to ensure all Council functions support Dementia aims. The Council has pledged to join the Alzheimer's Society campaign for 'Dementia Friends' as part of this.

- Encourage as many organisations and businesses as possible across Cheshire East to become 'Dementia Friends'.

A Council run launch event on 13 June 2014 at Tatton Park, sponsored by the Leader of the Council, brought together over 100 organisations, such as banks and supermarkets, to make pledges to become Dementia Friends. These pledges will be followed up in September 2015 to hold organisations to account for the pledges they make. The Council is providing some short term funding support for a co-ordinator role to help these organisations to make their pledges a reality.

- Continue to build on the strong independent sector market for care homes and domiciliary support that responds effectively to the needs of people living with dementia.

This market is critical to providing choice across all areas of Cheshire East and as the need for this support grows it is essential that the market is managed/expanded to meet that need.

Residential respite for people, to support their carers will be provided in the independent sector. This will increase choice and control for carers. The care will be flexible and in a range of locations across Cheshire East so that carers can choose any where they prefer.

The quality of any of the commissioned services will be monitored by the Council's new care quality monitoring system in strategic commissioning which will cover all care provision in the independent sector.

- Develop a new pilot "Dementia Reablement Service".

This builds on the existing best practice in the Mental Health Reablement Service and the Older People Reablement Service. It will provide specialist intervention to seek to improve the outcomes of those living with dementia and their families and carers.

- Pilot an increased role for dementia advisers

These advisers work with individuals in the community to enable effective self-help to maintain life in the community.

- Provide stimulation to the voluntary sector and local communities to build inclusive community activities for those living with dementia and their families and carers.

Adult Social care have recently commissioned a number of dementia support services to the voluntary sector. These were launched at an event on 23 June 2014 to promote awareness.

- Continue to work with all other areas, such as Public Health, Leisure and Libraries to ensure they further develop their approaches to meet the dementia challenge.
- Build strong multi-agency approaches including Police, Housing, transport operators and others to ensure signs of dementia are recognised and responded to appropriately.

This will result in more early notification of the potential for support, ensure access to care and safeguard those living with dementia in communities.

There is more action to be planned to ensure all resources are making an effective contribution to this agenda.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That Cabinet endorse and support the Dementia Commissioning Plan.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Dementia is a national issue of major and growing significance. There are 800,000 people living with dementia in the UK and this is set to rise to one million by 2021. Cheshire East has an estimated 5402 residents aged 65+ living with dementia and it is predicted that this will reach 6710 by 2020. Supporting those individuals currently with dementia in Cheshire East are 4500 carers.

There has not been a comprehensive whole system commissioning plan for dementia in Cheshire East, although there has been a lot of good practice locally. The scale and impact of dementia on the lives of the people of Cheshire East now and in the future requires a strong new vision and actions which this Dementia Commissioning Plan provides. It will ensure that all resources, including businesses, communities and the public sector, are garnered to best effect to improve the lives of those living with dementia and their families and carers.

This commissioning plan increases the focus on early help and support. This support is key to improving outcomes and also to help slow the progress of the effects of dementia. This support will also have an impact on reducing the future cost implications of dementia.

Dementia is a key priority area in the Cheshire East Health and Well-Being Strategy; this commissioning plan will support the delivery of improvements against that priority.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4,1 All Wards

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All members

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 The decisions in this report support The Strategic Direction of Travel for Adult Social Care Services – Promoting Open Choice as agreed at Cabinet of 4 February 2014. They contribute to the delivery of the Cheshire East Council Three Year Plan outcomes:

Outcome 1: Our Local Communities are Strong and Supportive

Outcome 2: Cheshire East has a Growing and Resilient Economy

Outcome 5: Local People Live Well and for Longer

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 None

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 None

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 No identified risks.

10.0 Access to Information

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Appendix 1 – Dementia Commissioning Plan