

Update on Work of Dementia Steering Group

Adults Care, Adults Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

7th November 2017

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Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 This report provides the Adults Care, Adults Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update of the work of Cabinet Member's Advisory Group (CMAG) on Dementia and a summary of the Swindon Dementia Steering Group over the last 18 months.
- 1.2 Dementia is an important issue for Swindon, affecting around 2300 people locally. Swindon has a dementia strategy which the Dementia Steering Group oversees the delivery of. The strategy is underpinned by a dementia JSNA which is currently being refreshed and will be presented at the December Health & Wellbeing Board. The CMAG was established following a two year Dementia Scrutiny taskgroup and is chaired by the elected member for Health and Adult Social Care, Cllr Ford.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the report
- 2.2 Identify any areas of concern or interest that require further investigation.

3. Detail

3.1 Update on the Dementia CMAG

3.1.1 Following a scrutiny task group last year the Cabinet Member for Public Health including Dementia (Councillor Brian Ford) felt that it would be helpful to continue to examine and explore our local activity to both reduce peoples risk of dementia and to empower and support those with dementia and their carers to live their lives to be the best that they can be. The objectives of the Dementia CMAG are to:

- gain further insight and understanding of evidence based interventions to reduce the risk of dementia

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Penny Marno, pmarno@swindon.gov.uk

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- gain further insight and understanding to support people affected by dementia live fulfilling lives
- raise the profile of being dementia friendly across the council, partner agencies and more widely

3.1.2 Membership includes Cllr Brian Ford, Cllr Alan Bishop, Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith, Cllr Eric Shaw, Cllr Ray Ballman, Cllr Julie Wright and Cllr Bob Wright.

3.1.3 Two meetings have been held to date. The first reviewed the actions from the Scrutiny task group, explored what was available for people living with dementia in Swindon and shared examples of local best practice. The second had an update on the work around progressing towards a dementia friendly Swindon.

3.2 Update on the Work of the Dementia Steering Group

3.2.1 The attached report provides an update of work around dementia in Swindon over the last year. This is overseen by the Swindon Dementia Steering Group, a multi-agency group which meets quarterly with current membership including Swindon Borough Council (Public Health, Housing and Social Care), NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group, Swindon Carers Association, Great Western Hospital, Alzheimer's Society, Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership, Swindon Dementia Action Alliance, and Wiltshire Police Service. The Steering Group was established to oversee the implementation of the Swindon Dementia JSNA and Dementia Strategy 2014-2019.

3.2.2 Progress has been made in areas including support for people post diagnosis, raising awareness of dementia via dementia friends, working towards a dementia friendly Swindon, initiatives at Great Western Hospital to improve people's hospital stay and continuing to ensure that understanding of dementia is increased for professionals and others that support people living with dementia and their carers.

3.4 Supporting Information

None

4. **Alternative Options**

4.1 None

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5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

5.2 None

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

5.3 None

Diversity Impact Assessment

5.4 None

Risk Management

5.5 None

6. Consultees

6.1 The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Dementia Steering Group Summary of Progress 2017.