



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY PANEL 3 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN

25 JANUARY 2018

BRIEFING NOTE: Dementia 2017: Managing Demand, Improving Care

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Panel agreed that representatives of the Panel would attend a conference regarding the Dementia – managing demand and improving care. The conference took place on 5 December 2017 in Birmingham.
- 1.2 Councillors Cathrine Russell and Sally Beardsworth attended the conference.

2 CONFERENCE

- 2.1 The conference was very well attended.
- 2.2 A number of expert speakers addressed the conference:
 - Quality improvement lead, West Midlands Strategic clinical network
 - Chair, Patient Experience and Improvement Panel, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust
 - Principle Programme Lead, NHS Dorset CCG
 - Head of Older People and Dementia, NHS Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Senior Advisor and Lead for Dementia, Public Health England
 - Concept Developer Healthcare, Saint Gobain Ecophon
 - Programme Lead, IAPT & Dementia, Mental Health Team, Operations & Information, NHS England
 - Inspection Manager for Adult Social Care, Care Quality Commission
 - Dementia Support Worker, St Giles Walsall Hospice

- Clinical Nurse Manager, St Giles Walsall Hospice
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Older People's Mental Health, Walsall Health Care Trust
- Senior Implementation and Improvement Lead, Dementia United
- Emeritus Professor of Special Needs Education, University of Manchester
- Commissioning Service Manager Older People, Warwickshire County Council
- Consultant in Dental Public Health, Public Health England
- Associate Director for Social Care, NICE

2.3 Councillors provided the key points from the conference as detailed below which they will elaborate upon at the meeting:

- Dementia currently costs £26 billion a year to the UK. An annual cost of £32,250 per person with dementia.
- The cost of care for a person living with dementia - the conference provided attendees with the opportunity to discuss the current practice and future directions in dementia,
- Progress on the Dementia Intelligence Network was provided as well as the importance of prevention and early intervention with an increasing population of individuals willing to take care of themselves.
- This conference consisted of interactive sessions and case studies to support carers, healthcare professionals and the wider public sector to deliver advances in care along the whole dementia pathway. Interactive conversations with people living with dementia and their carers aimed to give attendees a better understanding of their needs and their experiences with the health care system.
- Group discussions were held with the different care service providers that aimed to show attendees how working in partnership could improve care and develop actions to keep people healthier and active into their old age.
- There was a breakout session with clinical care professionals that discussed how to ensure high standards of care and support for those with dementia and their families along the different stages of the patient journey.

2.4 Councillors will provide further details at the meeting of the Scrutiny Panel in January 2018.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the information provided in this briefing note informs the evidence base of this Scrutiny Review.

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