



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY PANEL 3 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN

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BRIEFING NOTE: Future Directions in Dementia Care and Exhibition.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Panel agreed that representatives of the Panel would attend a conference regarding the Future Directions in Dementia Care and Exhibition. The conference took place on 14 November 2017.
- 1.2 Councillors Janice Duffy and Dennis Meredith attended the conference.

2 CONFERENCE

- 2.1 The Future Care in Dementia Care and Exhibition Conference was very well attended with many stalls, including Northamptonshire Borough Council, Northampton Borough Council, St Andrews Hospital and many more.
- 2.2 A number of expert speakers addressed the conference on issues around:

Future Directions in Dementia Care: A Northampton Perspective
The Challenges of Dementia
The Development Implementation and Evaluation of the Meeting Centre Support Programme in Italy, Poland and the UK
Dementia Policy innovation: Challenges and Potential Solutions
Younger People living with dementia: Challenges at work

- 2.3 Councillors provided the key points from the conference as detailed below which they will elaborate upon at the meeting:
 - The Dementia Action Alliance was launched 10 years ago between Northampton and Norfolk. Their key words are: “knowledge, education and practice”.
 - Other key words used in development studies are: well prevented, well diagnosed, well supported, well living and well dying.

- The Dementia Research Institute has a budget of £250 million for research and has the aim of having over 400 researchers by 2022.
- County wide training is being developed, which is community based. Work is undergoing with Universities in Denmark and the Universities of Bradford, Surrey. Key work in Lutterworth was highlighted. The Panel recently undertook a site visit to Lutterworth.
- The intention for care of people living with dementia is for them to remain at home and training for professionals and groups is based on the Danish model.
- The Department of Pathology, University of Malta, is looking at dementia across Europe, the challenges to dementia around Europe and why it is challenging.
- The difference in the brain with someone living with dementia are clear.
- The world's population is around 900 billion, the number of older people is increasing, for example 18% of the population is over 65, ie 10 million in England
- NICE and licensing impacts have helped for proper medicine and treatment for those living with dementia and a consequence of this is that more people living with dementia have been able to remain at home, with a 99.7% success rate.
- There are over 900 million new cases of people living with dementia world wide each year.
- The global cost of research, caring for and treating people living with dementia is increasing.
- France was the first country to look at dementia in a positive way.
- Italy undertakes the most research into dementia. Central Government wants there to be more research into dementia in the UK
- In Europe, more people living with dementia are able to stay in their own homes
- 54% in people living in America know someone who lives with dementia.
- There is a need for more awareness raising around dementia
- Worldwide, dementia is significantly un-diagnosed
- It is anticipated that by 2050 people living with dementia will double.
- There is a need for more support for Groups and organisations that assist people living with dementia.
- There is a need for more support and training for carers of people living with dementia.
- The weekly cost of care home care was highlighted, and it can around £1,300 per week

3 RECOMMENDATION

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

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