

Response from Market
Traders (A)

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY



SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN

CORE QUESTIONS – EXPERT ADVISORS

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a review: Dementia Friendly Town that is investigating the town of Northampton can become a Dementia Friendly Town. The projected outcome is to make recommendations for Northampton becoming a Dementia Friendly Town

CORE QUESTIONS:

A series of key questions have been put together to inform the evidence base of the Scrutiny Panel, overleaf:

1. Are you aware of what Dementia is, and its symptoms, please provide details?

IT IS A CONDITION WHICH AFFECTS THE MEMORY AND CO-ORDINATION FUNCTIONALITY OF THE BRAIN. BECOMING INCREASINGLY COMMON IN THE UK IN ADULTS 50YRS +. SHORT-TERM + LONG TERM MEMORY LOSS BUT NOT NECESSARILY BOTH SIMULTANEOUSLY. AFFECTS CO-ORDINATION OF MOVEMENT IN TERMS OF MEMORY OF HOW TO PERFORM TASKS.

2. Are you aware of the effect on the health, wellbeing and the safety of people with dementia and their carers/families, if so, please provide details?

IT CAN BE VERY FRIGHTENING FOR THE SUFFERER WHEN HOME SEEMS UNFAMILIAR AS WELL AS SPOUSES, CHILDREN APPEARING AS STRANGERS. SUDDEN CHANGE AND IS HARD TO DEAL WITH E.G DAILY LIVING PATTERNS, HAVING TO SUDDENLY LEAVE THE HOUSE FOR APPOINTMENTS. SUFFERERS CAN WANDER AND GET LOST - WHICH IS VERY STRESSFUL FOR FAMILY AND CARERS.

3. Please can you supply details of the current and potential partnership working regarding supporting people with dementia.

NOT IN NORTHAMPTON.

4. Are you aware of any specific groups that are not accessing services, please provide details.

AFRICAN + CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS
NEED TO BE MORE INFORMED TO ACCESS
SERVICES

5. In your opinion please provide information of the benefits of Northampton becoming a Dementia Friendly Town.

IT WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
LIVES FOR SUFFERERS + THEIR FAMILIES
E.G. HAVING RESPITE DAYS FOR CARERS
SO THEY HAVE A BREAK
• THERAPIES TO ~~HELP~~ AID SUFFERERS
MAINTAINING MEMORY AND
ABILITY TO SELF-CARE

6. Do you have any other information you are able to provide in relation to a Dementia Friendly Town?

NO