

## Report to Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

15<sup>th</sup> October 2014

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**Report of:** Tim Furness, Director of Business Planning and Partnerships, Sheffield CCG and Joe Fowler, Director of Commissioning, Communities Commissioning SCC

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**Subject:** Sheffield Dementia Strategy / Joint Commissioning Plan

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**Summary:**

The enclosed information is being presented at the request of the Scrutiny Committee following a discussion of the Sheffield Dementia Strategy on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The report discusses the dementia strategy and Sheffield Commissioning Plan within the context of a joint health and social care commissioning approach.

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# **Report of the Director of Business Planning and Partnerships, Sheffield CCG / Director of Commissioning, Communities Commissioning SCC**

## **Sheffield Dementia Strategy and Commissioning Plan within the context of a Joint Commissioning Approach**

### **1. Introduction/ Context**

The following report is being presented at the request of the Scrutiny Committee following its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

The Committee requested an update on progress of priorities identified in the 2013/14 dementia commissioning plan, focussing specifically on:

- the action plan
- financial details
- public engagement undertaken
- a detailed explanation of the integration of the service.

### **2. Action Plan**

Since we developed our action plan in 2013/14 we have made good progress towards some of our key priorities. However a review of the plan identified that there had been significant change in some areas with means we need to refresh our actions going forward. Sheffield benchmarks well against key outcomes indicators. There continues to be areas that require further work in order to improve services for the people of Sheffield and the 14/15 work plan aims to ensure that progress continues. A copy of the revised action plan is attached at **Appendix A**.

#### **Summary of Main Achievements in 13/14**

A summary of the achievements and progress against the key priorities set out in the joint dementia work plan 13/14 are set out below.

- Savings achieved through reconfiguration of specialist dementia support and bed based services at Hurlfield - including closure of 2 resource centres, improvement of centre facilities and additional bed space at Hurlfield.
- Secured investment from Department of Health for a number of Pilot projects aimed at increasing wellbeing / reducing crisis. The outcomes of the evaluation will contribute to future service design. One pilot has already resulted in the development of a new dedicated Dementia Carer Website
- Continued improvement in the dementia diagnosis rate (68.4% based on 13/14 data)
- Development of the Sheffield Dementia Action Alliance
- Care in Hospital – The STH Dementia Care Group continues to lead on the Dementia Friendly Hospitals initiative. Significant changes have been made to improve the experience of people with dementia and their carers during a hospital admission.

- Further work within primary care to reduce the use of antipsychotic medication.

## Key Changes

A summary of the key changes are summarised below some of which are being taken forward as proposals in the new 2 year plan.

- **Dementia Information, Advice and Support Service** – The plan described our proposals to replace the current commissioned services with an enhanced model. Following review of the plan it was agreed to postpone the procurement of a new service until the impact of the New Care Act in relation to a wider approach to Advice and Information Services was better understood.
- **Adopt a Care Home Pilot** - a pilot to raise awareness amongst young people about dementia linking schools to care homes and local communities. A care home has been identified and will link with Prince Edward Primary School for this initial pilot. A dementia awareness programme is planned to start at the school in early September 2014, and the Registered Managers from the care homes will assess how the programme develops.
- **Dementia Strategy** - The central objectives identified as part of the local dementia strategy remain the same, and as such, the same priorities will remain in place. This action plan covers the period up to the end of the current strategy; with the possibility that some actions may extend beyond this period.
- **Big Lottery** - Sheffield's bid to the Big Lottery fund was successful in securing £6 million of funding to tackle social isolation and loneliness in older people. This will take account of the specific needs of people with dementia and their carers.
- **Memory Service Redesign** – Work started in 13/14 to redesign the Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) This work has continued in 14/15. To date, it has enabled the development of a single hub for assessment and diagnosis and will shift follow up into the community. The resulting change in service aims to; significantly reduce the waiting times for diagnosis, deliver follow up closer to home and improve the skills and confidence of primary care practitioners with regard to dementia.

## 3. Financial Details

There is significant investment in independent sector care homes, home care services and specialist treatment for people with dementia. In addition the CCG and SCC also fund a range of other services, including day support, bed based respite care and services to support carers of people with dementia.

The main focus of the new revised action plan will be the development of new jointly commissioned services that provide timely information, advice and support services and a more innovative approach for community based day opportunities, in line with what people with dementia tell us helps them retain their independence and provides opportunities for their informal carers to have a break. This investment is currently around £2.8million.

#### **4. Public Engagement undertaken**

A major consultation and involvement exercise was undertaken in 2012 by SCC and the Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust about the proposals for change to services that support people with dementia. The outcome of these proposals informed the agreed plan for change. Since this time there has been some reconfiguration of bed based emergency care and respite bed services however, day support, other support and information services have largely remained the same and are more variable in terms of the outcomes and benefits they deliver and the current provision varies in terms of access and care pathways. There is still a need to recommission a new model of more specialist day support/day opportunities and the information, support and advice service if we are to meet the changing needs and demographic profile of the city.

We will be developing a new specification for information, advice and other support services which will include plans for a more innovative approach to community day support/day opportunities services. The new specification will be developed in line with the outcomes people with dementia and their carers told us would support them to remain independent.

#### **5. A Detailed Explanation of the Integration of the Service.**

Commissioning high quality Dementia services for the city remains a key priority for the CCG and SCC and the revised action plan makes proposals to progress with the joint approach to new commissioning arrangements to ensure coherence for people with dementia and their carers. There are mechanisms in place to ensure that throughout the integrated commissioning programme between the Local Authority and the CCG the needs of people with dementia and their carers are considered.

#### **6. Recommendation**

The committee is asked to note the details of this update and endorse the proposals in the revised action plans attached at **Appendix A**

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