

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 22ND SEPTEMBER 2008

REPORT ON: DUNDEE DEMENTIA STRATEGY

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Social Work and Health Committee of the intention to develop a Joint Dundee Dementia Strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:

- Instruct the Director of Social Work to set up the Dundee Dementia Strategic Planning Group for the period 2009 - 2012.
- Approve the production of a Dundee Dementia Strategy
- Approve the development of a service redesign and commissioning framework.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Joint Dundee Dementia Strategy will include a joint commissioning framework which will set out any remodelling and redesign of current services.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Multi-agency Inspection of Older People's Services in Tayside (May 2006) identified a requirement for clear joint strategies for older people's services. The Dundee Older People's Strategic Planning Group was reconstituted in Jan 2007 and the Dundee Older People's Strategy 2008 - 2011 (the strategy) was developed. The Strategy was approved by the Social Work and Health Committee in August 2008. Included within the strategy were a number of actions for the progression of services for older people who have a mental illness, including the development of a strategy for people with dementia.

4.2 Dementia is the name given to a number of illnesses characterised by the progressive loss of mental functions and the ability to look after oneself. The most common forms are Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementias and Lewy body dementia. Dementia has an increasingly profound impact on the life of the person with the illness and their family members as the person with dementia becomes increasingly dependant.

4.3 In 2004, there were around 62,000 people in Scotland with dementia and this number will steadily increase for the foreseeable future in line with the ageing population. Dementia occurs most frequently in older groups, with prevalence rates rising from around 2.2% of men and 1.1% of women aged 65 - 69, to 31.6% of men and 36% of women aged 95 - 99. Dementia can also occur in younger people: there are approximately 1,600 people with dementia in Scotland under the age of 65. Latest figures predict that 2,055 people in Dundee have dementia of which 546 are predicted to require need social care and support.

- 4.4 A Template for Dementia Services was developed by the then Scottish Executive in 2004 (NHS HDL (2004) 44). The template describes the principles of person centred care and recommends that good dementia services should include:
- pre-diagnosis
 - diagnosis
 - post diagnosis support
 - community services
 - continuing care
 - co-ordination and care management.
- 4.5 It further proposes that the following principles of intervention be applied when working with service users who have dementia and that any decisions made on behalf of an individual with dementia must:
- benefit the adult
 - take account of the adult's wishes as far as they can be ascertained
 - take account of the views of relevant others, as far as it is reasonable and practical to do so
 - restrict the adult's freedom as little as possible while still achieving the desired benefit
 - encourage the adult to use existing skills or develop new skills.
- 4.6 There have been a number of local commitments to further improve the quality of care provided to adults with dementia. The Tayside Managed Care Network for Dementia was developed in 2006. The network aims to promote, better co-ordinate and raise the standards of care for people living with dementia and improve the overall quality of care delivery. There is a local dementia professional forum in Dundee looking at addressing local needs and a local dementia action group enabling carers of people with dementia to have their views heard in the planning and delivery of dementia services. However it is recognised that the current services provided do not meet the health targets set for early diagnosis and intervention, nor will they meet the predicted level of services for future community care demand.
- 4.7 The Dundee Dementia Strategy will take account of all adults both under and over 65 years of age. The strategy will address any gaps in service or matters of mismatch between health and social work provision. It will draw on good practice and take account of local strategies such as the Dundee older people's Strategy, the Tayside Older People's Strategy and the Tayside Managed Care Network for Dementia's table of commitments.
- 4.8 The Dementia Strategic Planning Group will include representatives from Health and Social Work adult and older people's services, voluntary organisations and carer representation. Service user and stakeholder involvement will be drawn from the Celebrate Age Network Dundee, the Positive dementia group, Scottish Dementia Working Group, Dundee Dementia Forum, the Princess Royal Carers centre and the Patient Initiative Forum. The strategic Planning Group will report to the Dundee Older People's Strategic planning Group and the Dundee Health and Local Authority Management Group. The strategy will be presented to the Social Work and Health Committee and Community Health Partnership Committee for approval.
- 4.9 The strategy will include a joint commissioning framework which sets out the service model, the extent to which it will change over time and how the change will be resourced.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted in preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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