



## DERBY CITY DEMENTIA STRATEGY

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 Dementia is a subject that has received significant national attention because of the enormous challenges faced by both people who live with the condition and people who care for them. The incidence of dementia in Derby is already significant and is set to grow markedly in line with the general increase in numbers of older people. The Council and its partners need a clear strategy for ensuring that people who live with dementia receive the right support at the right times to help them manage their condition.
- 1.2 The Derby City Dementia Strategy is available for download at [LINK HERE](#). The strategy has been developed following extensive engagement with local stakeholders. This includes people with dementia, their carers, statutory and independent sector providers. This is Derby's first dementia strategy following the publication of the first national dementia strategy. The strategy together with its action plan will remain dynamic and will evolve over time to reflect changing needs.
- 1.3 The Strategy takes into account the local estimated prevalence of dementia, and variations in need and existing service provision between Derby's various geographical areas and communities.
- 1.4 The priorities within the Strategy's implementation plan are those that have been chosen by local stakeholders, especially people living with dementia and their carers who already have experience of Derby's services, as the key areas requiring development.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the Derby City Dementia Strategy.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The National Dementia Strategy was published by the Department of Health in February 2009. This document sets out the standards and targets that must be met by local partnerships in relation to three core areas:
1. Improved Public and Professional awareness
  2. Early Diagnosis and Support
  3. Living Well with Dementia
- 3.2 There are estimated to be 3,243 people who currently experience dementia in Derby, based on 2009 estimations. This figure is expected to rise by 27% over the next five years to 4,122 by 2015.
- 3.3 The majority of people affected by dementia are over the age of 65 although a small but significant number of people are affected at a younger age (68 people at current estimations). This figure is inclusive of an estimated 8 people with Down's syndrome who also have dementia.
- 3.4 The areas of Derby that will be most affected by dementia are those where the demographics reflect a high percentage of older people. The prevalence of dementia is also higher than average amongst people from African-Caribbean and South Asian communities. The service developments linked to the Strategy will need to respond specifically to these demographic risk factors.
- 3.5 A series of five engagement events were held in Derby over the winter of 2009-10. They were well-attended by people living with dementia, their carers, and professionals providing services in dementia across health, social care and housing, from a mix of statutory, voluntary and private sector agencies. Approximately 60 people attended each session, a quarter of whom were people living with dementia and their carers who were encouraged to attend by the provision of travel expenses and also respite services to cover carer attendance. The events therefore had the benefit of a mixed group of stakeholders and real life experience. The events mapped existing services and discussed gaps to identify the key needs and priorities of local people. Priorities were ranked by stakeholders to provide a clear idea of the most significant areas that require attention in the year ahead. These were agreed as:
- 3.5.1: A clearer sense that health, social care and housing professionals are appropriately trained to support people living with dementia and their carers. This training needs to range from basic awareness for some staff to very in-depth specialist knowledge for others.
- 3.5.2: Better coordination between health, social care and housing in the way that people living with dementia and their carers are supported: ensuring that access to support is consistent and timely, and that different organisations work seamlessly together.
- 3.5.3: More respite opportunities for the carers of people living with dementia so they get the breathing space they need to carry on with the support they provide.

3.5.4: The establishment of a Memory Assessment and Support Service that means people are diagnosed with dementia in a more timely way and given the information and support to cope with this diagnosis and manage their condition for as long as possible.

- 3.6 A significant amount of attention will be focused on these priorities, but there are also actions in place between health, housing and social care to improve other aspects of dementia care. These include hospital in-patient care, support provided in care homes, assistive technology and day services.
- 3.7 These priorities are acknowledged and addressed within the implementation plan attached to the Derby City Dementia Strategy. Achievement in these areas requires action in partnership and to this end a joint commissioning forum has been set up between Derby City Council, NHS Derby City, Derbyshire County Council and NHS Derbyshire. This forum, supported by a dementia project manager funded by NHS East Midlands, will ensure there is coordination both between the City Council and the NHS, and across the boundary with the County, to develop dementia services with appropriate leadership from all partners.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Derby Dementia Strategy – Executive Summary

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 Many service improvements to benefit people living with dementia in Derby can be made within existing resources.
- 1.2 Council Cabinet approved a sum of £900K to develop dementia services in 2010-11, rising to £1.9m by 2012-13. However, use of this allocation may need to be reviewed in light of the current and future financial pressures faced by Councils. Further work is planned in the autumn, once budget parameters are clearer. This will determine how any dementia services that require new resources are developed. This process will be managed jointly with NHS Derby City for whom dementia is also an extremely high priority.

**Legal**

- 2.1 None.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 The health, housing and social care workforce in the Council, its statutory partners and the independent sector will have significant training needs in order to be able to deliver more responsive dementia services.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 The implementation of this Strategy will be continuously reviewed to ensure that all sections of the community receive equal outcomes.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 5.1 HC1: To increase choice and control to support independence.  
 HC2: To increase the range and quality of regulated and non-regulated adults social care services  
 HC4: To deliver accessible, high quality, inclusive Housing and Advice Services
- 5.2 COD2: To deliver value for money across all services