

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
5TH OCTOBER, 2022

SUBJECT:
**APPROVAL OF THE WEST WALES CARE PARTNERSHIP'S
DEMENTIA STRATEGY**

Purpose:

To seek Carmarthenshire County Council approval of the regional strategy.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

Members are asked to recommend approval of the West Wales Care Partnership Dementia Strategy, with a view to it proceeding through the political process for final approval.

Reasons:

This Strategy has been produced in partnership between officers of the 3 Local Authorities, the Health Board and third sector partners as well as people living with dementia, their carers, and family members. It supports several key objectives within the Corporate Plan, and our wellbeing objective to 'support older people to age well and maintain dignity and independence in their later years', and its approval will enable us to deliver services in line with the needs of our community.

To formulate views for submission to the Cabinet / Council for consideration.

To be referred to the Cabinet / Council for decision: YES

Cabinet Decision Required: 17th October, 2022

Council Decision Required: 9th November, 2022

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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In February 2021, the West Wales Care Partnership appointed healthcare consultancy Attain to develop a regional dementia strategy and service model pathway of care. The strategy, finalised in April 2022, was co-designed with officers, people living with dementia and their carers across West Wales. The strategy also provides a programme governance structure and the foundation on which to manage the Regional Integration Fund funding and ensure new ways of working are fully resourced.

This document seeks approval of the strategy from Carmarthenshire County Council; the strategy is simultaneously going through the democratic processes for approval in Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire, and has already been approved by the Health Board.

The context for this work includes:

- Increasing focus worldwide on dementia and its impact on health and social care systems; prevalence is increasing year on year, mainly due to people living longer, particularly in high income economies.
- The Welsh Government's Dementia Action Plan 2018-2022.
- The vision for Wales to be a 'dementia friendly nation that recognises the rights of people with dementia to feel valued and to live as independently as possible in their communities'.
- Improvement Cymru's All-Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards (March 2021). This work, directed by the requirements of the Dementia Action Plan for Wales, is overseen by the Welsh Government Dementia Oversight Implementation and Impact Group (DOIIG).

The strategy sets out a West Wales vision for dementia services, to 'Support each person to live well and independently with dementia for as long as possible', and outlines a dementia wellbeing pathway which focuses on streamlining pathways and placing people living with dementia and their carers at the centre of our service provision.

Implementation of the strategy will focus on:

- Implementing best practice within primary care, social care, care homes, domiciliary care and specialist services.
- The development of the diagnostic pathway and post diagnostic support, support and co-ordination for people living with dementia and their carers and supporting carers to care for family members living with dementia.
- Providing support, training and help to navigate/co-ordinate services to families, build resilience and maintain balance across all aspects of their life.
- Improving end of life care so that people living with dementia die in a place of their choosing with dignity and improve co-ordination across different care providers to ensure they understand the end-of-life care plan.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Alex Williams

Head of Integrated Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Dementia Strategy supports several key objectives within the Corporate Plan, 'Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5-years', primarily, 'Continue to support residents affected by dementia and support the development of more dementia friendly and supportive communities across the County.' It will also deliver work contributing to our wellbeing objective to 'support older people to age well and maintain dignity and independence in their later years.'

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed, highlighting the potential benefits of the strategy for people affected by dementia (disability), older people, and Welsh language speakers. The Dementia Steering Group which will oversee the delivery of the strategy also includes representation from Hywel Dda Health Board's Diversity and Inclusion team to provide assurance that the needs of diverse groups will be considered within the implementation of the strategy.

Any service changes or developments will be delivered in line with existing Welsh Language requirements, which all partners (NHS, local authorities, and third sector) are required to adhere to.

3. Finance

The bulk of the work that sits within the Dementia Strategy has historically been funded through the Integrated Care Fund (ICF), transitioning into the Regional Integration Fund (RIF) in 2022/2023. The West Wales Care Partnership team oversees RIF funding and relevant reporting back to the Welsh Government; the Dementia Steering Group oversees management and distribution of dementia funding within this and senior decision makers from both the NHS and all 3 Local Authorities are represented on this group to ensure appropriate authority is in place for financial decisions.

The strategy has recommended a review of all projects currently funded through ICF/RIF funding, to ensure that the funding is delivering impact and value, and this is an ongoing process. Where the strategy has recommended new services be developed, such as the Dementia Wellbeing Connector (in line with the expectations of the national Dementia Care Pathway of Standards), the Dementia Steering Group will first seek to identify whether existing funding can be redirected to support this and any additional funding opportunities through the RIF. However, for this service to be delivered long-term and sustainably, it will require additional funding commitments from all partners involved. The Steering Group will ensure that any additional funding decisions and commitments are taken through the appropriate processes within Carmarthenshire County Council and other partner organisations.

7. Staffing Implications

Any potential staffing implications through changes to services or introduction of new services will comply with statutory employment legislation and the Authority's employment policies.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Alex Williams

Head of Integrated Services

1. Local Member(s)

NA

2. Community / Town Council

NA

3. Relevant Partners

The strategy is simultaneously going through democratic processes for Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire County Councils. The strategy was endorsed by the Regional Partnership Board on 16th May 2022 and has been approved by the Health Board.

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

NA

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

YES

The West Wales Care Partnership's Dementia Strategy, developed in partnership with the three local authorities, Hywel Dda University Health Board and third sector partners, offers a co-ordinated approach to develop a dementia friendly region delivering services to people at all stages of their dementia journey.

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Dementia Strategy	To be completed	Appendix 1 to this report
Equality Impact Assessment	To be completed	Appendix 2 to this report