

Appendix 1: Department of Adult Social Care Action Plan in response to the Adult Social Care and Community Safety Scrutiny Review of Dementia

1	<p>To endorse the implementation of the recommendations from the Adult Social Care report: <i>Framework homecare providers and the care of people with dementia – a report on the current position with regard to specialist training</i>, which envisage a stepped approach to upskilling homecare providers in relation to dementia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by actively promoting training to independent sector providers (initially managers); • by co-producing action plans with providers to embed the nationally recognised ‘Common core principles for supporting people with dementia’; and • by proposing changes to future contract specifications that will require providers to have achieved specific targets. 	<p>The report recommending improvements to the training available to Independent sector Home Care Providers (particularly those on the East Sussex Adult Social Care Framework) is being implemented.</p> <p>Training for Independent Sector Home Care Managers and owners has been provided and well attended. Feedback from providers that attended has been positive. This training has initiated additional planning for further staff training.</p> <p>The emphasis on the Common Core Principles provides an effective standard for quality and consistency of the training. The ASC training for dementia that is provided for Independent Providers is being enhanced and promoted more actively in order to increase the take up of existing training packages by Home Care staff.</p> <p>This matches work that is underway within residential care homes to raise the quality of dementia training and support. The Home Care Framework is not due to be re-tendered until 2014, however the lead in time for this work will commence in 2012. Discussions with Home Care Providers through the Home Care Provider Forum have commenced and will continue through the re-tender process. Any changes to the requirement for training staff will be included in the new specification and contract.</p>
2	<p>An evaluation of the Carer’s Breaks Dementia Service should be undertaken, to encompass the wider roles that have been developed by the service.</p>	<p>The evaluation of the Carers Breaks Dementia Service will be commissioned by December 2012. The service has received recognition as a model of good practice through the Department of Health national evaluation of Carer Demonstrator sites. The service has continued to develop and an the evaluation will inform the future commissioning of the service.</p>
3	<p>The Adult Social Care and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee should consider the evaluation of the Continuous</p>	<p>The Launch of the Good Practice Guide is in July 2012 and there will be a review of the Improvement Strategy for</p>

	Improvement Strategy for Dementia Care Homes project in order to identify further actions required to develop practice.	Dementia Care Homes in December 2012.
4	Adult Social Care should examine all potential avenues to encourage or incentivise care homes to continue to develop the skills of their staff in relation to dementia.	ASC is in the process of establishing Strategic Suppliers who will work closely with the Council in respect of training and improving quality outcomes for clients.
5	The evaluation of the impact of the Care Home In-Reach Service should be reported to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration.	The Care Home In-Reach Service will be evaluated in the latter part of 2012 and its findings will be reported to the Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.
6	East Sussex County Council and the Alzheimer's Society should consider whether there are opportunities to better co-ordinate their training packages.	The opportunities for closer working with the Alzheimer's Society will be taken forward at the East Sussex Dementia Forum in July 2012.
7	Consideration should be given to the potential benefits and resource implications of applying for "dementia friendly community" status for East Sussex or specific local communities.	A pilot project to identify the best way for East Sussex to achieve 'dementia friendly community' status will be taken forward through the Sussex Dementia Partnership. This will also provide the opportunity to bid for external funding.
8	The County Council should develop the proposed website dementia information 'hub' to support increased community awareness and availability of information to care providers.	The dementia information hub is being developed and will be implemented by December 2012.