

Report to: East Sussex Health & Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 19 December 2017

By: Director of Adult Social Care & Health

Title: Support for people with dementia in the East Sussex Better Together area

Purpose: To provide the Board with information about local arrangements for diagnosis and post diagnostic support for people with dementia in the East Sussex Better Together area.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is recommended to note the report

1. Background

1.1 The 'Living Well with Dementia' national strategy was published in February 2009. It set out a vision for transforming dementia services with the aim of achieving better awareness of dementia, early diagnosis and high quality treatment at whatever stage of the illness and in whatever setting.

1.2 In addition to the information below, the Board will be provided with a presentation on progress against key objectives of the *Living Well with Dementia* strategy in the East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) area of East Sussex.

2. Supporting information

2.1 The presentation is split into two parts (1) the importance of obtaining a dementia diagnosis as early as possible, (2) flexible and responsive ongoing support after diagnosis. The presentation will cover the following key points:

- East Sussex has one of the highest numbers of people predicted to have Dementia in the UK.
- Dementia diagnosis across the ESBT Alliance area is provided by Integrated Community Care (ICC), an established group of locally based GPs. The service has been in existence for three years following an earlier pilot period. It is understood to be currently the only fully GP led Primary Care Memory Assessment Service (MAS) in the UK.
- The national target for having diagnosed 67% of the population estimated to have dementia has now been met across ESBT Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) (67.6%), although this does vary between Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG (69.5%) and Hastings and Rother CCG (65.8%).
- The ICC MAS has recently been the subject of an academic evaluation the results of which are positive- key findings will be outlined in the presentation.
- 5 working time equivalent (wte) Dementia & Long Term Conditions Community Development Workers are funded through the Healthy Hastings & Rother Partnership and will work in close partnership with the new Dementia Post Diagnostic Support Service.
- Two specialist Admiral Nurses will be recruited from April 2018 to further support the ESBT post diagnostic pathway. Jointly funded between ESCC and Age UK this role will be formally evaluated over a two year period.

2.2 The approach to improving dementia diagnosis rates and the post diagnostic support taken by ESBT CCGs in partnership with ESCC, has been to test and develop new ways of working, and this will continue in to the future as we learn and invest in what works best.

3. Recommendation:

3.1 The Board is recommended to note the report and presentation.

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