

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group		
Held on:	19th March 2024		
Agenda item:	9		
Title:	Dementia Strategy - Update		
Summary:			
<p>The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the progress of refreshing the Dementia Strategy.</p>			
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Recommendations:			
<p>It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Note the progress made in refreshing the Dementia Strategy; and II. Note that progress reports on the revised strategy will be brought to SPAG until the strategy is approved at IJB. 			
Route to meeting:			
<p>There have been a number of previous conversations and thinking in relation to the development of this strategy. It was previously agreed by the Directorate Management Team to await the publication of the national strategy and delivery plan before commencing local development.</p>			
Directions:		Implications:	
1. No Directions Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

MENTAL HEALTH AND DEMENTIA STRATEGIES - UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the progress of refreshing the Dementia Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group:

- I. **Note the progress made in refreshing the Dementia Strategy; and**
- II. **Note that progress reports on the revised strategy will be brought to SPAG until the strategy is approved at IJB.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In recent months the Scottish Government has published a new strategy, Dementia in Scotland – Everyone’s Story. This was a timely publication given SA HSCP’s intention to refresh the local strategy in line with the national strategic direction.
- 3.2 The delivery plan for the Dementia Strategy; Dementia in Scotland – Everyone’s Story was published on the 19th of February 2024.
- 3.3 The intention was initially to develop this strategy in South Ayrshire within 2023 but due to the delayed publishing of the Scottish Government Strategy and the accompanying delivery plan it was pushed back.
- 3.4 A report for the Dementia Strategy 2018-2023 was taken to Performance and Audit committee in May 2023 by Phil White, Partnership Facilitator to report on progress during the lifespan of the strategy and set out our intentions to refresh this.
- 3.5 A report was brought to SPAG on the 19th December 2023 outlining the direction of travel for the development of the Dementia Strategy. The proposed timescale was noted at this time as well as regular updates would be brought to SPAG.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 The refresh of the Dementia Strategy is in development as of February 2024. This will be in line with the new national strategy Dementia in Scotland: Everyone’s Story and will seek to engage with people with lived experience, families and carers.
- 4.2 A separate Mental Health Strategy is also being developed in tandem with the Dementia Strategy. The stages of Strategy development and the timeline for both are broadly similar.

4.3 Separate timelines have been established, however both are working towards similar timeframes with the aim to launch in September 2024.

Strategic Context and Policy Review Engagement Workshop with Dementia Stakeholders across South Ayrshire	February 2024
Early Consultation and Engagement	March – April 2024
Strategy Development/Writing	April – June 2024
Further Engagement	June – August 2024
Final Amendments to Strategy and Action Plan	August 2024
Agreement at IJB – Staggered approach to agreement	Autumn/Winter 2024
Monitoring of delivery plan at IJB’s Performance and Audit committee	From early 2025

4.4 There have been two separate leads from operational teams identified to provide leadership of each strategy, additionally a policy officer from Planning and Performance will support the lead officer in the development of each strategy. Both strategies will have oversight from the Senior Manager for Mental Health, Partnership Facilitator and Co-ordinator for Planning and Performance.

4.5 During the writing process, regular reports will be brought to the Strategic Planning Advisory Group during 2024 until the strategy is agreed by the IJB towards the end of 2024.

4.6 It is proposed that the drafting process for the strategy follows a series of steps, broadly set out below:

Engagement

- A Steering Group will be established. This group will meet approximately monthly throughout the period of developing the strategy.
- Having a development time of approx. nine months will allow us to implement good practice in engagement e.g., more than one phase of engagement, employing a range of engagement methods to reach as many people as possible.
- A range of methods will be used to engage with people and a full range of citizens, partners and stakeholders will be encouraged to participate.

Governance

- A Strategy Development Group should be set up to: develop and agree on the scope and vision of the strategy; oversee the development of the strategy document; develop arrangements for the implementation and review of the strategy; oversee the communications strategy.
- This group should meet monthly and should include representation from: HSCP managers; managers from other parts of the local authority with responsibility for services that can impact upon mental health/dementia e.g., Housing, Education, Third sector organisations; and the Strategy Steering Group.
- Regular oversight and input will be provided by the IJB Strategic Planning Advisory Group.

Communications

- A communications plan will be developed to make sure all stakeholders are aware that a strategy is being developed and are aware of the part they can play in its development.

Review, Plan and Monitor

- The next step will be to assess the current position. This involves undertaking a strategic review of the implementation of the current strategy and what the current landscape of mental health services looks like in South Ayrshire.
- Review of the recently published [Dementia in Scotland – Everyone’s Story](#).
- After assessing the evidence of the current position, the next stage will be to plan activities and services that will help move towards the strategic outcomes and vision of life in South Ayrshire. Engagement with people with lived experience at this stage will be useful to hear, not only people’s life experiences, but views about solutions and the kind of support that would be most useful.
- It will be important to know how well the implementation of the plan is progressing. Therefore, the implementation plan should include detail on measurable performance indicators and outcomes, agreed responsibilities with timescales, a clear reporting process, a feedback loop process that ensures the HSCP learns along the way and enables it to change course when needed, and a plan for mental health services and other stakeholders to continue to influence the plan (engagement is not just for the strategy development phase).

Next Steps

- A scoping Workshop Session took place on 6th February 2024 with teams across Mental Health and Dementia Services. The session mapped out how services are being delivered across South Ayrshire and how the Dementia Strategy can scope these going forward to meet the needs of people in line with the Scottish Government’s Strategy. The event was led by Kevin Milton, Phil White and the strategy leads supported by Planning and Performance. Both the Mental Health and Dementia sessions were well attended, and key themes identified by the services involved. From the key

themes, oversight groups have been agreed and are in the process of being set up and will take place monthly.

- A revised timeline has been created with a view that the strategy will be fully launched by September 2024 alongside the Mental Health Strategy.
- Meetings have been arranged on the 5th of March to start the EQIA process. This is a live document and will be regularly reviewed as the Strategy progresses to ensure it meets the needs of the people in South Ayrshire.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 The Dementia Strategies will align to the following strategic objectives:

- We nurture and are part of communities that care for each other
- We work together to give you the right care in the right place
- We help build communities where people are safe
- We are transparent and listen to you

5.2 The new Dementia Strategy will be informed by the new Dementia Strategy for Scotland: Everyone's Story.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no human resource implications to agreeing this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no legal implications to agreeing this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 A detailed Equality Impact Assessment will be completed for the Dementia Strategy and will be developed and expanded at each stage of strategy development to ensure it is robust. The new Integrated Impact Assessment Tool (currently in testing phase withing South Ayrshire Council) will be used if this is in operation during the timescales concerned.

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications to agreeing to this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 There is no requirement for clinical/professional assessment for this specific report.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- 7.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with relevant officers.
- 7.2 Significant consultation will be undertaken during the preparation of the strategy. A full range of citizens, partners and stakeholders will be encouraged to participate. A communication and engagement plan will be drafted in due course.
- 7.3 Partnership working across Pan-Ayrshire, The Pan-Ayrshire Mental Health Engagement Officer (based within North Ayrshire Council) has been engaged to provide support to the development of the strategies.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1. There are no risks in agreeing this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Dementia in Scotland – Everyone’s Story](#)

[Dementia in Scotland; Everyone’s Story – Delivery Plan](#)