

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group	
Held on:	25th June 2024	
Agenda item:	8	
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 the Dementia Strategy. Now the national strategy and delivery plan have been published we have commenced 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"/>	

DEMENTIA STRATEGY

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

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3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Last year the Scottish Government 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 Reports were brought to SPAG on the 19th December 2023 and the 19th of March 2024 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.
- 3.6 The refresh of the Dementia Strategy is in development as of February 2024. This is in line with the new national strategy Dementia in Scotland: Everyone’s Story and seeks to engage with people with lived experience, families and carers.
- 3.7 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.

- 3.8 There will be opportunities to join up some of the consultation process to avoid 'over consulting' groups of stakeholders where there may be a cross over. Both strategies will be developed and in operation by the end of 2024.
- 3.9 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.
- 3.10 During the writing process, regular reports will be brought to the Strategic Planning Advisory Group during 2024 until the strategies are agreed by the IJB towards the end of 2024.
- 3.11 It is proposed that the drafting process for each strategy follows a series of steps, broadly set out below:

3.12 Engagement

- A Steering Group has now been established. This group will continue to 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.

3.13 Governance

- A Strategy Development Group has been 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 will meet monthly and will 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.

3.14 Communications

- A communications plan should 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.

3.15 Review, Plan and Monitor

- The current position has been reviewed. This involved undertaking a strategic review of the implementation of the current strategy and what the current landscape of dementia services looks like in South Ayrshire.
- Review of the recently published [Dementia in Scotland – Everyone’s Story](#). And accompanying [Delivery Plan](#) has also taken place.
- 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 dementia services and other stakeholders to continue to influence the plan (engagement is not just for the strategy development phase).

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4.1 Progress so far

- Within the work for the Dementia Strategy engagement focus groups for staffing teams continue to take place. These engagement groups have allowed us to establish the current landscape for Dementia services in South Ayrshire as well as identifying key areas for improvement in line with the national strategy. This is a 3-tiered approach dividing services into service access points. These tiered development sessions are due to come to a close at an engagement event in August.
- An engagement event has been arranged for the second week of August, aimed at engagement with all tier 1 services in both Dementia and Mental Health services. Due to the volume of services involved at this tier it was agreed within the tier 1 development sessions that an information sharing day would be beneficial to the both the strategy development and the organisations themselves. This event will take place at UWS with services providing micro presentations on service scope and access routes. Stalls will be available for services to network and share learning. The day will conclude with separate engagement workshops tailored to the Dementia and Mental Health Strategies.
- An engagement plan for the consultation period has been drafted by the oversight group and the proposed engagement will be:
 - Staff and service user focus groups
 - Further service engagement sessions

- 1:1 sessions with service users
 - Public awareness raising sessions.
 - Separate staff and wider public surveys
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- Engagement will be overseen by the Policy Officers and Service Leads involved in both the Dementia and Mental Health strategies. Separate surveys will be made for both strategies, however several of the focus groups and wider engagement will bring the two strategies together to prevent engagement fatigue where possible.
 - Over the summer period and during the consultation period writing continues with the information gathered so far supporting the development of various sections required within our local strategy whilst incorporating the priority areas of the national strategy.
 - Further updates will be brought to the next SPAG meeting of the ongoing progress being made within the Dementia Strategy.

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 strategies. A full range of citizens, partners and stakeholders will be encouraged to participate. A communication and engagement plan for each strategy 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](#)