

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Performance & Audit Committee
Held on	4th December 2020
Agenda Item:	6
Title:	Progress report on the Dementia Strategy 2018-2023
Summary:	
<p>The purpose of this report is to provide the Performance and Audit Committee with an update on the progress of the implementation plan of the Dementia Strategy which covers the period 2018-2023.</p>	
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Recommendations:	
<p>It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the significant progress made in delivering the strategy. ii. Provide comment on future delivery of the strategy. iii. Remits the report to Community Planning Partners for their consideration. 	
Route to meeting:	
<p>Routine progress report to Performance and Audit Committee of strategies approved by the Integration Joint Board.</p>	
Implications:	
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEMENTIA STRATEGY 2018-2023

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2. RECOMMENDATION

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3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Dementia Strategy 2018-2023, approved by the Integration Joint Board at its meeting on 12th September 2018, contained an Implementation Plan designed to take forward the Strategy as defined through its Strategic Objectives, which in turn have been framed to deliver national and local outcomes.
- 3.2 The attached update of the Implementation Plan ([Appendix 1](#)) produced through the Pentana Management System provides an update on each individual action as of 25th November 2020.
- 3.3 Supporting people with dementia and their carers has been identified as a local priority within [South Ayrshire Local Outcomes Improvement Plan \(LOIP\)](#). The strategy has been progressed by the Dementia Strategy Implementation Group. The governance arrangements for this group are provided by the Driving Change Group. Dementia Friendly work is reported to the Communities and Population Health Strategic Delivery Partnership within the [Community Planning Partnership](#) structure.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 Some specific actions in the implementation plan have not been able to progress during the pandemic. The report also highlights constraints and limitations in services that may be having impact on those living with dementia and their carers.
- 4.2 The [LOIP Annual Report](#) published in October 2020 details the work that has been carried out in the last year to progress the strategy.
- 4.3 It is proposed that the Performance and Audit Committee considers the progress which has been made against the agenda set out in the Dementia Strategy.

4.4

Status	Number
✓ Completed	15
▶ On Target	18
⚠ Showing Some Concerns	0
● Not on Target	0

4.5 Each action within the Implementation Plan supports the delivery of one of the three Strategic Outcomes with overlap on occasion. A brief summary of progress against each of the Strategic Outcomes is provided below:

Prevention

4.6 The prevention orientated work links to a range of other parallel programmes some of which have been affected or changed through the Covid period. However, there are good examples of adaptation to the new context for work, for example:

- Social Isolation/Loneliness e.g. VASA's Telephone Befriending service and the Mix and Match scheme
- Physical Activity e.g. SAC's Leisure Service supports and the VASA Up and About scheme
- Mental health and wellbeing support e.g. Remote supports through Community Link Practitioners, Mental Health Practitioners and Self-Help Workers
- Practical local supports (such as food, medicines and sensory impairment supports)
- Training and awareness raising has continued if in more modest and virtual ways

Dementia Friendly Environments

4.7 Much of this is contained in the [Local Outcomes Improvement Plan report](#) that is submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board but key progress has been made in some areas notwithstanding the challenge of Covid restrictions.

4.8 The Ayrshire-wide Life Changes Trust conference (Human Rights, Community and Dementia – Creating Better Lives in Ayrshire and Arran) that took place in November 2019 in Ayr was also linked to the launch of a £150k fund (from LCT) to support local organisations working on dementia. Subsequent to the conference, Life Changes Trust made available £150k for Ayrshire and to support local dementia related projects.

4.9 South Ayrshire projects attracted over £70k and included successful bids from Dementia Friendly Ayr (development post), SADSAs (Transport support),

Dementia Friendly North Carrick (support for a range of activities and training), Dementia Friendly Troon (including changes to make Walker Hall Dementia Friendly), Dementia Friendly Prestwick (developing a Meeting Centre approach), Jennifer Miatovic (inter-generational story book from young person in Prestwick) and Ayr United Football Academy Dementia work.

- 4.10 Work has continued to develop in localities to support those living with dementia and their carers, for example in Troon, Prestwick, Ayr, North Carrick and Girvan.
- 4.11 Other community-based work has been supported where possible. Some work dependent on community building access has been changed (for example libraries and leisure services).
- 4.12 The Dementia Friendly work in both Ayr and North Carrick now links to properly constituted groups that will lead on the work.
- 4.13 Other work has not taken place significantly during Covid, for example, Football Memories (AUFA), Dementia Friendly Concerts (Gaiety) and Relaxed Cinema (Dementia Friendly Prestwick).
- 4.14 Other work has emerged during Covid, for example, the Bags of Support initiative in Prestwick.

Dementia Care in Context

Mainstream Service Response

- 4.15 The Older People's Community Mental Health Team has continued to support people living with Dementia from Diagnosis, Post Diagnostic Support and longer-term support.
- 4.16 During the Pandemic the team has continued to provide as full a service as possible. This has been challenging due to social distancing and lockdown measures as well as Isolation issues re staff absence and illness. Initially the service was targeted for High Risk patients who still received face to face support and visits. This had an effect of initial referrals and therefore a knock-on effect for Diagnosing of Dementia as Clinics were not in operation. Since September the clinics have been re started all be it is reduced numbers due to social distancing.
- 4.17 Initially non-High-Risk patients were reviewed and contacted via the phone but we have now returned to a full service with face to face visits where appropriate.

Shielding Response

4.18 Many people living with dementia and their carers have been subject to shielding restrictions. From November 2020, dementia itself has been added to the list of shielding conditions albeit, following local clinical conversations.

4.19 The Shielding population across Ayrshire has been supported through proactive engagement within General Practice, not least, the updating or initiating of around 96% of 'shielders' with Anticipatory Care Plans/Key Information Summaries.

Training

4.20 Training has not taken place in communities since March 2020. Limited training for staff has been delivered, for example Dental Nurse Trainees, Brokerage Network staff.

4.21 From July 2020 Face to Face training has taken place in limited contexts. Timetables are scheduled for training to care staff at informed and skilled level for health, care homes and social care staff for 2021. Capacity of venues are decreased for social distancing for face to face training and thus will impact of attendee numbers.

4.22 Small bitesize training sessions are available for staff to attend through Microsoft teams. These are topic specific.

Choice and Options for Support

4.23 The recommendation to phase out the current equivalency calculator model of resource allocation and replace it with a system that permits the allocation of upfront individual budgets had to be put on hold due to the pandemic and the new working arrangements. A lot of preparatory work is in place including a full new suite of referral, assessment and support planning tools- My Life My Outcomes.

4.24 The new suite of paperwork is built on a strengths-based model designed to focus from the outset on what matters to the person being assessed and focus on personal outcomes that are personalised to both the individual and their career/families. Adopting this approach to assessment will increase the opportunities for people with dementia and their carers/families to design any care and support they need around what matters to them and use the flexibility that SDS offers to achieve their outcomes.

Maintaining Caring Relationships

- 4.25 The previous report regarding Adult Carer Strategy/Implementation tabled at the Performance and Audit Committee on 08 September 2020 set out a range of supports in place for carers.
- 4.26 Carers supporting those living with dementia have been under significant strain and the opportunities for 'breaks from caring' afforded by, for example, Day services has been limited.
- 4.27 Crossroads is now offering in situ 'sitter services' which allow carers to have a break from caring and free them to do other activities
- 4.28 A significant Ayrshire-wide initiative has been to support Community Pharmacies to be significant points of contact for carers, where carers can be identified, supported and signposted to local carer services.

Protection from Harm

- 4.29 Case File audits have continued to be carried out by the Older People's Community Mental Health team on a quarterly basis.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 The Dementia Strategy 2018-2023 supports the Partnership's Strategic Objectives, namely:
- We will protect vulnerable (children and) adults from harm
 - We will shift the balance of care from acute hospitals to community settings
 - We will support people to exercise choice and control in the achievements of their personal outcomes
 - We will manage resources effectively, making best use of our integrated capacity
 - We will give all of our stakeholders a voice

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 specific human resource implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no specific legal implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 The proposals in this report allow scrutiny of performance. The report does not involve proposals for policies, strategies, procedures, processes, financial decisions and activities (including service delivery), both new and at review, that affect the Council's communities and employees, therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.

6.4.2 A full Equalities Impact Assessment was carried out on the Strategy.

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no environmental sustainability implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 There is no requirement for a clinical/professional assessment.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with relevant officers from across statutory and third sector organisations.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1. There are no anticipated risks arising from the content and recommendations of the report.

8.2. In terms of the IJB Risk Management Strategy, the level of risk is low.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Dementia Strategy 2018-2023](#)
[South Ayrshire Local Outcomes Improvement Plan \(LOIP\).](#)
[LOIP Annual Report](#)

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