

Adult Social Care and Health OSC

Wednesday 13th September 2017

Dementia – Enhancing Awareness and Understanding across Warwickshire

1. Background

In Warwickshire, there are estimated to be approximately 7,500 people living with dementia and this is likely to rise to over 11,000 people in the next ten years. Most of us will be affected in some way by dementia during our lifetime.

Raising awareness of dementia, creating dementia friendly communities and supporting people to live well with dementia are key aims of Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy (2016-2019).

A presentation will be made to the Adult Social Care and Health OSC at this meeting, to detail some of the key achievements to date and to outline priorities for future work. All of the work areas suggested can be funded from within existing resources.

2. Recommendation(s)

1. For Adult Social Care and Health OSC to receive a presentation about dementia awareness at the meeting on 13th September 2017. This will include key achievements to date and priorities for future work.
2. The Committee is asked to support and endorse suggested actions to raise awareness and understanding of dementia across Warwickshire, and particularly in their communities where appropriate. The suggested actions could include some or all of the following;
 - Signing up as a Dementia Friend
 - Promoting the Dementia Friends initiative and organising / hosting Dementia Friends Information Sessions where appropriate
 - Encouraging local organisations to get involved with Dementia Friendly Communities / Dementia Action Alliance
 - Visiting Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Website to enhance knowledge of content and signposting the website to their community
 - Raising awareness of two key services to support people living with dementia (Dementia Navigators and Dementia website). These services enable access to other services and resources can be provided to support with this
 - Ensuring awareness of ways to reduce the risk of developing dementia
 - Raising awareness that a healthy lifestyle can delay the progression of some dementias and of services available in Warwickshire to support people to live well with dementia (e.g. Books on Prescription – dementia, and Physical activity on referral for people with dementia).

3. The Committee is asked to assist in raising awareness of the above initiatives and issues amongst fellow councillors and to suggest ideas for further awareness raising and cascade of information.

4. The Committee considers hosting / attending a further presentation / development session to cover detail on additional work being undertaken through Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy (2016-2019). This could include Timely Diagnosis and support in acute/residential/housing with care settings. This area of work is being led by the Strategic Commissioning business unit within WCC.

Background papers

1. Briefing paper on dementia (circulated 31 August 2017)

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