


Portfolio Holder Decision

Engagement for Coventry and Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health
Date of decision	6th August 2021
	Signed 

Decision taken

That the Portfolio Holder approves a period of engagement on the draft Dementia Strategy, to commence in the Summer of 2021 to inform the final version of the Strategy which will be presented to Cabinet for approval.

1.0 Reasons for decisions

- 1.1 To ensure the Portfolio Holder is sighted on the draft of the refreshed Living Well with Dementia Strategy (2021-2026). This draft strategy has been developed with key partners as a system approach across Coventry & Warwickshire, including health partners and with close collaboration with colleagues from Coventry City Council.
- 1.2 The report also asks the Portfolio Holder to approve draft plans for engagement with key stakeholders (including people living with dementia, carers, general public and professionals / front-line workers) to enable the engagement activity to commence in summer 2021.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 There are several national strategies and evidence that reference the role of local authorities and health in the care and support for people with dementia and their carers. These include the Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia (Department of Health, 2015), NICE Guidance on Dementia: assessment, management and support for 3 people living with dementia and their carers (NG97) (2018), NHS Long Term Plan (2019), All Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia (2019) and the Care Act 2014. Under the Care Act 2014 the Council has duties to prevent or delay needs for care and support and also to provide people in its area with information and advice relating to

care and support for adults and support for carers. It also has duties to promote the integration of care and support with health partners where to do so is likely to promote the wellbeing of adults with needs for care and support in its area, contribute towards the prevention duty and improve the quality of care and support in its area. The Living Well with Dementia Strategy was first published in 2011 and contributes towards these duties and is currently being refreshed and will be published later in 2021 for the period 2021-2026.

2.2 The Strategy priorities are aligned with the NHS Well Pathway for Dementia:



2.3 Officers at Warwickshire County Council have worked closely with colleagues through the Health and Care Partnership Dementia Board, which includes Coventry City Council, Coventry and Warwickshire CCG and Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, to develop a joint dementia strategy for Coventry and Warwickshire. A joint strategy will have many benefits, particularly as many services are delivered across Coventry and Warwickshire (such as the services delivered by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust who carry out most of the memory assessments and diagnoses of dementia, and services delivered by voluntary and community sector organisations including Alzheimer's Society and Age UK) and also to mirror the area covered by the newly formed Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group and as we move towards an Integrated Care System for Coventry and Warwickshire.

The draft strategy and engagement plans were presented at the Warwickshire Dementia Board on 28th June, Health and Care Partnership Mental Health Strategic Board on 8th July and Joint Commissioning Board on 16th July. The strategy will be a system document across health and social care in Coventry and Warwickshire with a system partnership approach and will therefore be fully supported by NHS colleagues and delivered in partnership with the voluntary and community sector.

2.4 The initial draft of the strategy refresh has been written, based on:

- Close work with the Health and Care Partnership Dementia group over last year and other key colleagues
- Review of progress of previous dementia strategies in Coventry and Warwickshire, supported by Alzheimer's Society
- National guidance (e.g. Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia, NICE guidance for dementia, All Party Parliamentary Group for Dementia)
- Local evidence (JSNA, Alzheimer's Society local dementia profiles, other local strategies e.g. Health and Wellbeing Strategy)
- Feedback from recent dementia specific or carer focussed engagement
- Recent feedback on dementia and carer services and support
- Review of dementia pathway
- Learning through Covid-19 (including attendance at Dementia Forums)

Ensuring effective alignment of the refreshed Dementia Strategy with local strategies that focus on carer wellbeing (such as Warwickshire's Wellbeing Strategy) is a priority.

2.5 The following approach to the strategy has been taken:

- The strategy has a 'plan on a page' approach - one page for each of the six priority areas (the above five and 'training well'). All six priority areas will be underpinned by the same underpinning elements of the well pathway, these are 'researching well', 'commissioning well', 'integrating well' and 'monitoring well'.
- The focus of the strategy will be on key objectives; progress on these will be reviewed and additional objectives may be added at a later date
- The focus will be on what still needs to be achieved, whilst summarising past achievements. However, some case studies / details of good practice will be included to show developments to date

Each chapter / priority area will outline:

- Background and key facts
- What we will do (outlining objectives for this strategy)
- How we will know we have been successful (key measures)

2.6 There is a strong desire from all partners for the strategy to be an engaging, interesting, and useful document, that people with dementia, carers and family members as well as volunteers and practitioners can understand and use to help them understand more about support available and the dementia pathway. To support this, we will ensure the strategy is approximately 15 pages long with a plan on a page approach. The strategy will use accessible communication formats, such as being appropriately formatted, not using abbreviations or complex terminology. (www.gov.uk/government/publications/inclusive-communication/accessible-communication-formats)

2.7 The strategy will also include images, weblinks, case studies and promotional information to try to support people to find out more about the support available at all stages of dementia and a range of ideas to support people to live well with dementia and for their carers to maximise their own wellbeing.

2.8 The engagement plans are being developed to ensure that stakeholders have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft strategy. This will include people living with dementia, carers, volunteers, general public and professionals across Coventry and Warwickshire. Plans currently include a 6-week engagement programme, from mid-August until mid-September 2021 through:

- Online survey conducted through the Ask Warwickshire website. Distributed widely via emails and other communication channels (Hard copies available)
- In person engagement with people with dementia and carers (face to face and virtual opportunities). Making Space (user engagement and coproduction service) will lead this work.
- Commissioner attendance at various meetings with practitioners / dementia forums.

2.9 Following the engagement:

- Feedback will be reviewed, collated into a full report and a summary report
- Feedback via a 'You said, we did'; published on Ask Warwickshire and sent out to contributors by email
- Findings will be considered and, where possible and appropriate they will be incorporated into the final Dementia Strategy

Broader stakeholder feedback will also be considered in the production of the final version.

2.10 The final version of the Strategy will be presented to Cabinet for approval and will then be published on the Council's website.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The dementia strategy is being developed jointly with local partners, including NHS partners and the voluntary and community sector. Achievement of the strategy's ambitions and priorities will utilise internal partner resources and include individual provider and partnership bids for funding.

3.2 Should the strategy lead to the potential for additional financial commitments for Warwickshire County Council, business cases would be developed to confirm the need, proposed solution, and benefits to be realised. These business cases would be submitted through the investment funds process and / or for scrutiny as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy process.

3.3 Please note some of Warwickshire County Council's commissioned services for dementia are funded through the Better Care Fund.

Environmental implications

None

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Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Background Documents

- Draft of Coventry and Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy
- Draft Dementia Strategy Engagement Plans

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Margaret Bell

Corporate Board – later in 2021, after engagement has taken place.

Legal – Ian Marriott, Sioned Harper

Finance – Andrew Felton

Equality – Keira Rounsley has supported with the EIA

Democratic Services – Paul Williams, Helen Barnsley

Councillors –

Local Member(s):

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