

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Coventry and Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy

29 September 2021

Recommendation(s)

1. That the Committee considers the draft Living Well with Dementia strategy and provides its comments and guidance as to any gaps, omissions or further objectives that it considers should be included.
2. That the Committee considers and comments upon the engagement plans and any additional engagement that it would like to see undertaken.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Coventry and Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy has been refreshed. Following a period of engagement from early September 2021, the strategy may be revised and will be published in early 2022 for the period 2022-2027.
- 1.2 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. The draft strategy was presented at the Health and Care Partnership Mental Health Strategic Board on 8th July. A joint strategy will have many benefits, particularly that many services are delivered across Coventry and Warwickshire; this includes 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. A joint Coventry and Warwickshire strategy will also 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.
- 1.3 The draft strategy and engagement plans were also presented at the Warwickshire Dementia Board on 28th June and Joint Commissioning Board on 16th July. The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health approved the plans on 6th August 2021.
- 1.4 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. The associated strategic delivery plans are likely to include a range of actions to be undertaken across Coventry and Warwickshire as well as actions for Warwickshire (and Coventry) specifically.
- 1.5 The draft of the strategy refresh that is out for engagement is based on:

- Close work with the Health and Care Partnership Dementia group over the 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)
- Feedback from groups detailed in 2.2.

1.6 The Strategy priorities are aligned with the Well Pathway for Dementia.



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.

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 (made up of the above five from the well pathway 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

1.7 The engagement plans were 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. The 6-week engagement programme will start from late September to end October 2021 through:

- Online survey conducted through the Ask Warwickshire website. Distributed widely via emails and other communication channels (Hard copies will be 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 in Warwickshire.
- Commissioner attendance at various meetings with practitioners.

1.8 Following the engagement:

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

1.9 The strategy will go to various Boards including the Health and Wellbeing Board and the final version of the Strategy will be presented to Cabinet for approval and will then be published on the Council's website.

2 Financial Implications

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 To enable Warwickshire County Council to deliver its commitments within the strategy, an application for funding has been submitted through the Medium-Term Financial Strategy process.
- 2.3 Please note some of Warwickshire County Council's commissioned services for dementia are funded through the Better Care Fund.

3 Environmental Implications

3.1 None

4 Supporting Information

- 4.1 Coventry and Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia 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.
- 4.2 The plan on a page' approach aims to focus on key objectives that will aim to achieve the vision of the strategy, that '**everyone affected by dementia is enabled to live well**'. Further objectives may be added through the lifetime of the strategy in response to feedback and national and local guidance.
- 4.3 The associated strategic delivery plans, which will be developed following publication of the strategy are likely to include a range of actions to be undertaken across Coventry and Warwickshire as well as actions for Warwickshire (and Coventry) specifically.

5 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 5.1 The 6-week engagement programme will be from late September to end October 2021.
- 5.2 Business Intelligence will then analyse the feedback and collate into a report. Data collected from the in-person engagement will also be analysed and collated into a report.
- 5.3 Drafts of the engagement report and amends to the strategy will then be made.

5.4 The revised strategy will then be presented to various Boards, including Health and Wellbeing Board and cabinet for approval, and will then be published on the Council's website.

Appendices

Appendix 1 for Coventry and Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy

Appendix 2 for Coventry and Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy Engagement Plans

Appendix 3 for Equality Impact Assessment for Coventry and Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Strategy

Background Papers

None

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