

CABINET RESPONSE TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE

Item under consideration: OLDER PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH AND DEMENTIA STRATEGY

Date Considered: 22 February 2012

RECOMMENDATION

The Select Committee recommends to the Cabinet:

- (a) That the Cabinet congratulates the Service on its excellent work and national recognition in the field of dementia care, and that the Cabinet assures the Select Committee that this important area of work continue to receive the support and funding necessary.

RESPONSE

The Adult Social Care Select Committee received an update on the implementation of this five-year strategy at its meeting on 22 February 2012. The report highlighted a number of success stories, which included:

- The employment of 18 Dementia Navigators who offer support and advice to people with dementia and their carers.
- National recognition for the development of a local reporting tool, which is being marketed as a model of good practice.
- Partnership working with Districts and Boroughs establishing wellbeing centres for dementia, in partnership with our District/Borough colleagues.
- Public engagement with GP practices in Woking to raise awareness of dementia and the production of a DVD entitled 'Living with Dementia in Surrey'
- Investment in crisis services and psychiatric liaison services through partnership grant to address avoidable admissions to acute hospitals.
- Investment in day care services and a reduction in residential placements.

The Chairman of the Adult Social Care Select Committee, John Furey, recommends that the Cabinet congratulates the service on its excellent work and national recognition in the field of dementia care and that the Cabinet assures the Select Committee that this important area of work continues to receive the support and necessary funding.

The Cabinet is asked to endorse this recommendation.

Mr Michael Gosling
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health
28 February 2012