



Health Scrutiny Committee
15 November 2012

Dementia Services

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

Dementia is a priority item for the Council as a whole. The Committee will scrutinise health services for those with dementia.

Introduction:

1. Surrey County Council and NHS Surrey jointly commissioned an Older People's Mental Health and Dementia Strategy which was endorsed by the Board of NHS Surrey in January 2011.

Partnership approach

2. As with services for people with learning disabilities, services for people with dementia are also delivered very much in partnership between health and social care. Surrey & Borders are commissioned by NHS Surrey and Surrey County Council Adult Social Care to provide services.
3. At **Annex 1** is the most recent update report on Older People's Mental Health strategy, as presented to the Adult Social Care Select Committee in February 2012.
4. At **Annex 2** is a report from Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on the current services they provide.
5. Going into hospital can be an extremely distressing time for someone with dementia. Recent news reports have highlighted the need for special care for patients in hospital with dementia. As part of the discussion of this item, a representative from Frimley Park Hospital will attend to provide information on how acute providers are treating patients with dementia.
6. Other attendees will include Surrey & Borders, Adult Social Care and NHS Surrey.

Recommendations:

7. The Committee is requested to scrutinise dementia services provision.

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Sources/background papers: None