

Joint health and social care dementia strategy for Surrey (2022-2027)

Briefing document

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Introduction

- The Dementia Strategy Action Board in Surrey agreed it was timely to refresh existing dementia strategies and make one Surrey wide direction of travel, with a clear focus on tackling inequality and making sure no-one is left behind
- We have [listened to people](#) in Surrey who have dementia and their families and carers, to help us understand how Surrey can be a better place to live and how we can deliver better quality services for people with dementia and their carers. We have also listened to the views of staff and organisations that care for them

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- The strategy has been developed based on the national and local strategic context, qualitative data and feedback and performance of current services. It is framed around the [well pathway for dementia](#)
- Throughout the [consultation](#) period, from 7 December 2021 to 21 January 2022, we are seeking views on whether we have captured the right ambition, and the most important priority areas to be included in the Surrey five-year joint health and social care Dementia Strategy

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- Achievements and ambitions established for each area of the strategy
- Wide promotion of the consultation
- Mental health delivery board and Health and Wellbeing Board will receive the revised strategy after consultation input has been analysed
- Launch final strategy in April 2022

Preventing Well ambitions

1. Develop consistent public health messages around how to prevent dementia
2. Prioritise a focus on reducing inequalities
3. Ensure we have accessible material for people e.g., Easy Read or a video to enable people to access the information they require.
4. Enhance post diagnosis health support for people diagnosed with a mild cognitive impairment
5. Increase early identification of carers of people living with dementia

Diagnosing well ambitions

1. Make sure dementia navigators are equally available to meet the needs of people across Surrey
2. Support the Dementia Connect service which has a keeping in touch contact service for people and their carers following diagnosis which provides access to the service 7 days a week via telephone and website
3. Increase access and uptake of baseline assessments for people with Down's Syndrome
4. Make sure people in East Surrey have access to a new dementia practitioner who will work with others to improve dementia diagnosis rates in the community
5. Ensure adequate immediate post-diagnostic support for individuals and their carers and families is available

Living well ambitions

1. Focus on establishing dementia friendly communities and dementia action groups across all areas of Surrey
2. Have more robust and consistent post-diagnostic support for individuals and their carers and families
3. Consider full roll out of the technology integrated health management system (TIHM) and related technologies across Surrey for all people and their families
4. Have dementia day support for those with young onset dementia
5. Have a young onset dementia accommodation with support offer

Supporting well ambitions

1. Include information on the Alzheimer's Society website regarding local resources to ensure people have access to the range of support groups that are available across Surrey
2. Expand crisis support available for people with dementia and their carers and families
3. Routinely identify carers and have regular monitoring of the caring situation so carers have access to carers assessments and reviews
4. Have care within in the home available to enable people with dementia to have personalised care and support, and give carers a break
5. Have small scale specialist dementia residential and nursing care available to meet a range of needs

Dying well ambitions

1. We will ensure that individuals have advocates to support them with health and welfare decisions to ensure the wishes of the individual living with dementia are included in care plans
2. We will ensure there is mental health representation in the multidisciplinary team for people in care homes supported by the Enhanced Health in Care homes Framework
3. We will align with planned national GP contract PCN (Primary care network) specifications which will be driving the delivery of anticipatory care and personalised care models for people not in care homes
4. We will improve integration of the system to support people with dementia and their carers with clear approaches to coordination of end-of-life care support for all those with dementia and their carers wherever they live across Surrey

How will we know we have achieved our ambitions?

- Once the consultation is closed, feedback analysed and revisions made, actions and action owners will be outlined, with clear timelines and measures of success identified
- We will continue to work with the dementia strategy action board and dementia voices throughout the implementation of the strategy delivery plan to ensure people with dementia, their carers and wider stakeholders continue to influence and shape our direction of travel

...for example

Area of work	Action	Indicator (s) of success	Lead owner	RAG status
Diagnosing well	By June 2022 we will make sure people in East Surrey have access to a new dementia practitioner who will work with others to improve dementia diagnosis rates in the community	Increase in estimated dementia diagnosis rate (aged 65 and over)	Surrey Heartlands CCG	TBD

The action plan will be underpinned by a project plan identifying timescales to start and complete each action, with key milestones and interdependencies

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