

Subject:	Joint response from the Primary Care Trust and Brighton & Hove City Council to the recommendations of the Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee Select Committee on Dementia		
Date of Meeting:	9 December 2010		
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Care & Health & Lead Commissioner for People		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 In 2009 the Overview & Scrutiny Commission decided to form a Select Committee to investigate issues relating to dementia services in the city. The immediate context for this decision was the publication of a new national Dementia Strategy and the imminent re-design of the local dementia care pathway.
- 1.2 The Select Committee was made up of Councillors Dawn Barnett, Pat Hawkes, Averil Older and Georgia Wrighton, and Robert Brown, Chair of the Brighton & Hove LINK Steering Group. Councillor Hawkes was chosen to be the Select Committee Chair.
- 1.3 Select Committee members decided to limit the scope and depth of their investigation and to make mainly practical rather than strategic recommendations.
- 1.4 The Select Committee held four evidence-gathering meetings in public, as well as several private scoping meetings. Witnesses included representatives from the public sector (Brighton & Hove City Council officers responsible for Adult Social Care services; commissioners from NHS Brighton & Hove; clinicians and managers from the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, the current main provider of services for people with dementias). Representatives from the third sector included Alzheimer's Society and the panel heard testament from people who had direct experience of caring for people with dementia.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Cabinet notes the evidence, findings and recommendations of the Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and its Select Committee on Dementia.

2.2 That Cabinet agrees the actions detailed in the response to Select Committee's recommendations (Appendix 2) with particular regard to timescales and any constraints identified.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

3.1 The Select Committee Report on Dementia was published in Autumn 2010, a number of recommendations were set out in the report. It was recommended that these be considered by the joint commissioners for dementia (NHS Brighton & Hove (PCT) and Brighton and Hove City Council).

3.2 The recommendations have been included in the recently published *Revised Dementia Planning Framework (2010 – 2013)* which sets out the future commissioning strategy for dementia services. This will ensure that they are considered when commissioning future dementia services.

3.3 The attached document sets out individual responses to each recommendation.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The Select Committee discussed the issues facing people with dementia, their carers and the organisations who support them throughout the Scrutiny process.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 One year pump priming funding from the Strategic Health Authority's Regional Transformation Fund of £1.2m has been allocated to Brighton & Hove to develop new services following a bid from the Sussex Dementia Partnership. The PCT and Local Authority are planning to ensure that the service redesign associated with the Revised Dementia Planning Framework is achieved to sustain the newly developed services for 2012/13 onwards within resources available within health and social care.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 24/11/10

Legal Implications:

5.2 The report needs to be considered in the light of the statutory duties and responsibilities that the Local Authority have in relation to the relevant service users, and the consultation has to include an Equality Impact Assessment and to consult with all relevant bodies. This has been properly considered within the consultation process.

Lawyer Consulted:

Andrew Pack

Date: 29/11/10

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Data from the Projecting Older People Population Information¹ (POPPI) system estimates that almost 3000 people over 65 have dementia in Brighton and Hove. Data from Projecting Adult Needs and Service Information² (PANSI) system estimates that approximately 55 people aged under 65 have early onset dementia in Brighton and Hove. A further 7 people aged under 65 are estimated to have downs syndrome related dementia.
- 5.4 The profile of Brighton and Hove is quite different to many parts of England, where a rise is expected in the number of people predicted to have dementia. No real rise is expected in Brighton and Hove. This is largely related to the different overall age profile seen in Brighton and Hove compared to other areas nationally. Only 32% of people with predicted dementia in Brighton and Hove are recorded on GP dementia registers. Therefore, there is a diagnostic gap of approximately 2100 people with undiagnosed dementia.
- 5.5 Ensuring local services meet the needs of these individuals, and those that care for them, is paramount to improving the quality of care experienced. The high level of non-diagnosis provides the evidence needed to drive service redesign and to ensure that people with dementia receive a diagnosis and the ongoing support they need.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.6 None noted.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.7 None noted.

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.8 None noted.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.9 Dementia and its effects has implications for services provided by the City Council, and people living with dementia live in all parts of the City.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The Select Committee on Dementia looked at a range of services on offer and provided a view on how services should be commissioned in the future.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 This information is required by Regulations.

¹ *Projecting Older People Population Information System (POPPI)* – Website developed by Care Services Improvement Partnership and Care Services Efficiency Delivery

² *Projecting Adult Need and Service Information System (PANSI)* – Website developed by Care Services Improvement Partnership and Care Services Efficiency Delivery

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Report of the Select Committee on Dementia
2. Response to the recommendations by the Select Committee on Dementia.

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None