

## **HWOSC Update – May 2013 Dementia**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of the report is to provide HWOSC with an update on further developments in dementia services in Brighton and Hove since the last report provided to the HWOSC in December 2012.

### **2. Local Context**

Brighton and Hove have a Joint Dementia Plan which was developed in 2012 sets out the Brighton and Hove strategic vision for improving care and support to people with dementia and their carers. The central aim of the plan is to increase awareness of the condition, ensuring early diagnosis and intervention as well as improving the quality of care for people with dementia and their carers.

The Health and Wellbeing Board has identified dementia as a priority for the city and is included in the City's first Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

There are plans to develop a Brighton and Hove Dementia Partnership Board to lead the strategic development of dementia services and oversee the implementation plan.

### **3. Updates Since the Last HWOSC Report (December 2012)**

#### **3.1 New Memory Assessment Service.**

- A new memory assessment service will start on 1 June. This service will be provided from three local GP surgeries in Portslade, Patcham and Saltdean as well as in patients' homes. It aims to increase the number of people diagnosed with dementia and provide improved support to people suffering from dementia as well as their carers. Patients can be referred to this service by their GP. There will also be an option for self-referrals that can be made via a well-publicised telephone number, which will go through to specifically trained Patient Care Advisors. Publicity of this phone number will commence by 31 August. Patients will be offered advice and an assessment by a Dementia Adviser.
- Alongside this the CCG has worked with SPFT on the dementia pathway for people with complex needs to ensure there is a clear pathway into specialist dementia services from the new memory assessment service.

### 3.2 Improved support to people with dementia admitted to general hospitals

- A dementia champion post is based at the Royal Sussex County Hospital and is driving forward improved services for people with dementia across the hospital. In addition a Specialist Dementia nurse role to support the champion has been funded and is now being recruited to. A dementia pathway has been developed in the hospital and is being rolled out across the hospital. 90% of people who are over the age of 75 and are in hospital for 72 hours or more have received a memory screen. The Trust is performing well against this target.
- The hospital has adopted the Butterfly scheme, and it will be launched on June 4<sup>th</sup> on the Sussex County site and June 5<sup>th</sup> at Princess Royal. The Butterfly scheme currently operates in 50 hospitals across the UK and provides a framework for rolling out education and an approach to caring for patients with dementia trust wide.
- Additional resource has been allocated to the older people **mental health liaison** service at the County Hospital to help reduce length of stay and this is now being reviewed for effectiveness.

### 3.3 Crisis Support

Additional resource has been put into the **Community Rapid Response Service** (CRRS), to enable more people with dementia to be supported at home and avoid unnecessary admissions to hospital. This service has also employed a mental health liaison nurse. We are continuing to review the current crisis pathway for older people who have both physical health care needs and dementia to ensure services provide a holistic response to an individual's needs.

### 3.4 Care Homes

- The Care home in-reach service has been reviewed and the service is now permanently funded with a change in staff mix to provide additional occupational therapy.
- A new large care eighty bedded care home has recently opened in city and another care home with over a hundred beds is on schedule to open shortly. A third is currently being built. All of these care homes are expected to have capacity to admit patients with dementia. This will improve the potential for local residents to be cared for within the City. The usage of these new Care Homes will be closely monitored.

### **3.5 Younger Onset Dementia**

- Engagement work was carried out on day services for people with **young onset dementia** and we are currently supporting the service to move to new premises and have identified funding to improve the support available.

### **3.6 End of Life**

- The regional funded Sussex End of Life (EoL) dementia project has been used to develop a care pathway for people with dementia at the **end of life**. Specialist resource for EoL including the “This is me bag” has been developed and in addition a range of training for professionals to support professionals has been rolled out.

### **3.7 Dementia Friendly Environment Bid**

A £1million Capital funding application to support improving the environment of care for people with dementia has been submitted and successfully reached the second round of bidding. This is a partnership bid which aims to adapt the environment in a number of settings that people with dementia access. This includes GP surgeries, hospitals, day centres and residential care homes. It is anticipated we will know the outcome of this bid in June.

### **3.8 Dementia Challenge Fund**

Brighton and Hove has received funding from the National Dementia Challenge Fund and is being used to employ a community development project worker for one year to support voluntary and community groups in making the city a more dementia friendly community

