



Healthier Communities Select Committee

Report title: Dementia Strategy

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Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

This report provides an update to the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the proposed Dementia Strategy.

Members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee are recommended to:

- Note the content (including key outcomes) included within the Dementia Strategy
- Note the next steps that will be undertaken to ensure a successful launch of the Dementia Strategy

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

- June 2022 – March 2023 via weekly steering group meeting
- 8-week consultation with over 1000 responses (Mar – April 2023)

1. Summary

In common with the national picture, Lewisham is expecting to see a rise in the number of people with dementia in our borough over the years and decades ahead as the size of our older population increases. We have thus worked with local healthcare and social care providers on a new strategy to support people with dementia, and their family and carers.

The strategy sets out our shared ambitions to improve the diagnosis, care and support provided to people with dementia. Key outcomes include:

- Increased public awareness of the link between dementia and lifestyle.
- Increased uptake of healthy lifestyle choices.
- Increased diagnosis rates
- Reduced antipsychotic prescribing rates for people with dementia
- Improved quality of life of people with dementia.
- Increased proportion of people with dementia who feel encouraged to make decisions about their future care.

- Increased proportion of people with dementia who are aware they can update their advance care plan at each care review.
- Increased proportion of people with dementia who participate in activities to promote their wellbeing.

2. Recommendations

Members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee are recommended to:

- Note the content (including key outcomes) included within the Dementia Strategy
- Note the next steps that will be undertaken to ensure a successful launch of the Dementia Strategy

3. Policy Context

3.1. The contents of this report are consistent with the Council's policy framework. It supports the achievements of the Corporate Strategy objectives:

- Cleaner and greener
- A strong local economy
- Open Lewisham
- Health and wellbeing

4. Background

4.1. See attached strategy

5. Financial implications

5.1. To be added

6. Legal implications

6.1. To be added

7. Equalities implications

7.1 People with dementia and their carers are amongst our people who require the most support from our society. It is therefore vital that they are informed and supported to access the full range of services available to them, in order that they live and die as well as possible when their lives have been impacted by dementia.

7.2 We are currently undertaking an Equality Analysis Assessment.

8. Climate change and environmental implications

8.1. If any.

9. Crime and disorder implications

9.1. If any.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

10.1. If any.

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