

Cabinet Response to the recommendations of the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board

Dementia Support in Torbay: Spotlight Review

Recommendation 1:

That the Cabinet be recommended to support the co-production of the wider Dementia Strategy with specific interest in ensuring that Torbay residents can easily access information, advice and support through a joint organisational approach.

Response:

The ICS is committed to developing a Dementia Strategy. The Mental Health, Learning Disability and Neurodiversity Collaborative has agreed to support the wider system to design a strategy subject to support and resource from the ICB and/or the Integrated Care System.

This strategy will include all partners and will be co-produced with people living with Dementia and their carers. The focus will be on ensuring that people have access to the right information and support at every stage of their journey.

Recommendation 2:

That the Cabinet be recommended to request the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Chair of the Integrated Care System for Devon to highlight the need for advanced dementia care which is innovative and which can provide efficient services for Torbay, being a coastal resort with an ageing population facing an increase in significant bed shortages particularly for those living with dementia.

Response:

Dear Secretary of State,

Re Care for people with dementia in Torbay

I am writing to you in my position as Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities to highlight the challenge Dementia poses for the people of Torbay, and to outline how we are working with partners to meet this challenge.

Torbay, being a coastal resort with an ageing population, faces an increasing challenge in the provision of care and support for people living with dementia and their carers.

Prevalence data estimates for Torbay show that over the next 10 years, the number of people living with dementia will increase by over 30% to 3300 people. In fact, Devon Partnership Trust has seen a 45% increase in referrals for assessment over the last 5 years, with a 51% increase in dementia prevalence.

Torbay Council is focussing developing a specialist, skilled home care dementia specialist workforce; alongside a focus on resilience and reablement through technology. We are investing in dementia specialist extra care and working with local providers to provide high quality bed-based care. The Council also works closely with local Community and Voluntary Organisations to support the vital work that they do.

I write to urge you to focus on prioritising diagnosis, post-diagnostic support and co-ordination to support people to live well with dementia. In addition, I would like to highlight the need for advanced dementia care which is innovative and can offer people with complex dementia good local joined up care and support.

Recommendation 3:

That the Cabinet be recommended to request that the Director of Adult and Community Services scope what access to training exists across the Voluntary Sector, Carers and domiciliary care agencies and explores with Torbay and South Devon NHS Trust provision of wider access to online portal training for dementia awareness and support.

Response:

TSDFT have been asked to look into maximising the access to their online training as far as possible. The training they offer is:

The education programmes around dementia are as follows:

SCIE video and reflective practice exercise:

- Common early signs
- What happens within the brain?
- Impact of Alzheimer's on memory
- Vascular dementia
- The diagnosis of dementia
- Drugs used in dementia

SCIE eLearning module:

- Introduction of a new approach to the assessment of people's needs for care and support.
- The consideration of three key areas to determine whether the adult's care and support needs - or carer's support needs are eligible for support.
- Social care practitioners talk about how their working practice will change as a result of the new assessment and eligibility framework. They discuss the key principles of the framework, the impact it will have on individuals and identify some of the challenges in its implementation.

Accredited: - Care Certificate Standard 9 - Understand the importance of promoting positive health and wellbeing for an individual who may have a mental health condition, dementia or learning disability.

Learning outcomes are:

How positive attitudes towards those with mental health conditions, dementia or learning disabilities will improve the care and support people receive. Social model of disability and how it underpins positive attitudes towards disability and involving people in people's own care.

Understand the adjustments which may be necessary in care delivery relating to an individual who may have a mental health condition, dementia or learning disability.

Be able to describe what adjustments might need to be made to the way care is provided if someone has:

1. A mental health condition such as: a. Psychosis b. Depression c. Anxiety 2. Dementia 3. Learning Disabilities 9.3b.
2. Describe how to report concerns associated with any unmet needs which may arise from mental health conditions, dementia or learning disability through agreed ways of working.

Assessment – The learner must: Understand the importance of early detection of mental health conditions, dementia and learning disabilities. Explain why early detection of mental health needs, dementia or learning disability is important.

Give examples of how and why adjustments to care and support might need to be made when a mental health condition, dementia or learning disability is identified.

Understand legal frameworks, policy and guidelines relating to mental health conditions, dementia and learning disabilities. List the main requirements of legislation and policies that are designed to promote the human rights, inclusion, equal life chances and citizenship of individuals with mental health conditions, dementia or learning disabilities.

Explain how the legislation and policies listed may affect the day to day experiences of individuals with mental health needs, dementia or learning disabilities and their families Understand the meaning of mental capacity in relation to how care is provided.

Delivered by the ICO – Face to face, eLearning, self-study

Dementia Tier 1: Dementia Awareness

In the first module, we will describe what dementia is and how common it is, and what it is.

E-Learning

Dementia Tier 2 Communication, Interaction and Behaviour in Dementia Care

Pharmacological Interventions in Dementia Care

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Dementia Care

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Law, Ethics and Safeguarding in Dementia Care

Dementia Tier 2(9): Law, Ethics and Safeguarding in Dementia Care

Health and Well-being in Dementia Care

Families and Carers as Partners in Dementia Care

Research and Evidence-Based Practice in Dementia

This session looks at conducting service evaluation and research in the workplace

Dementia Bus: Virtual Dementia Tour

Living Well with Dementia and Promoting Independence

Reduction and Prevention

End of Life Care (e-ELCA) - for People with Dementia

Palliative and End of Life Care

Recommendation 4:

To request that the Director of Adult and Community Services ensures there is a link to information from the Alzheimer's Society on the Council's webpage.

Response:

The Director of Adult and Community Services has requested the Web Team ensures there is a link to information from the Alzheimer's Society on the Council's webpage.