

END OF LIFE CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA – PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a progress report on the Joint Review Group, established by this Scrutiny Committee and the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee to examine end of Life Care for people with Dementia.

Summary

2. Members of this Scrutiny along with Members of the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee have commenced the joint review to look at the end of life pathway for those people with dementia and a scoping meeting was held on 25 April 2017 and further meetings have been held on 10 December 2018 and 20 February 2019.
3. Good progress has been made to date however, Members acknowledge that further work needs to be done before a final report can be presented to this Scrutiny and the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee with their findings and recommendations.

Recommendation

4. That the progress be noted to date and that Members of the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee and the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee continue their joint work on the end of life care for people with dementia during the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

Review Group Members of the Health and Partnerships and Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committees

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has implications on the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the eight outcomes.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. Members will be aware that, following a recommendation in the final report of the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee 'Living Well with Dementia' a Joint piece of work is being undertaken to look at the end of life pathway for those living with dementia.
6. A scoping meeting was held on 25 April 2017 and further meetings held on 10 December 2018 and 20 February 2019.
7. Members have undertaken this Review giving consideration to National Strategies and published literature regarding End of Life care for people with dementia and NICE guidance published in June 2018 for the assessment, management and support for people living with dementia and their carers.
8. Members have also independently visited or made contact with various organisations to ascertain responses to a set of questions provided by the Centre for Public Scrutiny on scrutinising services for people with dementia and to assure us that patients with dementia were receiving the best care at the end of their life.
9. Dr Malcolm Moffat, Speciality Registrar in Public Health has been assisting Members with the Review and has met separately with Dr. Nicholson, Consultant on End of Life Care at the Darlington Memorial Hospital and Alison Marshall, Nurse Consultant and Senior Care Staff at St. Teresa's Hospice.
10. Members of the Review Group plan to invite to a future meeting Dr Nicholson and a representative from the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust to discuss end of life care policy in place for people living with dementia at Darlington Memorial Hospital and any preventative measures.
11. They also wish to continue their contact with other organisations including the Alzheimers Society and other Independent Care Homes so it is recommended that their work continues into the 2019/20 Municipal Year.