

## Dementia

### **1 Introduction**

1.1 “Living Well with Dementia: A National Strategy” was published in February 2009 in response to the concerns of the increase in those diagnosed with dementia due to an aging population. The aim of the strategy was to ensure there were national improvements in dementia services.

1.2 The five key priority areas of the strategy are:

- Early Intervention and Diagnosis for All
- Improved Quality of Care for People with Dementia in General Hospitals
- Living Well with Dementia in Care Homes
- Improved Community Personal Support Services
- Reducing the use of Anti-psychotic Drugs.

### **2 Local Progress**

2.1. Key Headlines in the last six months

- Recently published data showed Portsmouth City is the 20<sup>th</sup> best performing PCT across the United Kingdom for the diagnosis of dementia and the joint 3<sup>rd</sup> best performing PCT area in England
- Within Portsmouth 56.7% of the estimated population with dementia are known to services and recorded with a formal diagnosis against a national average of 41%.
- The tender for a Portsmouth dementia community alliance is underway. The service will deliver the implementation of dementia advisors and memory cafes across the city.
- There is an increasing understanding across existing services that caring for those with dementia is business as usual.

### **3 Next Steps**

3.1 The key crucial factor to delivering the National Dementia Strategy is partnership working across health and social care boundaries. Over the course of the next six months the dementia strategy will deliver:

- The implementation of dementia advisors and memory cafes
- Review of services and beginning the process to ensure that dementia services are fit for purpose over the next 10 years.
- Continue to promote the opportunity for those with a diagnosis of dementia to be able to access the wider community to reduce social isolation through supporting the activities to be held in dementia awareness week from the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012.
- Proactively support the implementation of the carers strategy
- New schemes will be implemented over the next 12 month period improving the standards of care in several settings including the acute hospital.

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