



Southwark Dementia Action Alliance

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Background

There are 820,000 people with dementia in the UK and this number is set to grow to over one million people by 2025. In the London Borough of Southwark it is estimated that there almost 1,900 people living with dementia. The financial cost of dementia in the UK is £20 billion each year and growing.

Dementia Action Alliance is made up of organisations committed to transforming the quality of life of people living with dementia in the UK and the millions of people who care for them.

Members sign up to a National Dementia Declaration:

http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/who_are_we/national_dementia_declaration

Created in partnership with people with dementia and their carers, the Declaration explains the huge challenges presented to our society by dementia and some of the outcomes we are seeking to achieve for people with dementia and their carers.

Outcomes range from ensuring people with dementia have choice and control over decisions about their lives, to feeling a valued part of family, community and civic life. Signatories to the Declaration have published their own Action Plans setting out what they each will do to secure these outcomes and improve the quality of life of people with dementia by 2014.

Aim of the Southwark Dementia Action Alliance

To transform the quality of life of people with dementia and their carers within Southwark through promoting the National Dementia Declaration and delivering on the Action Plans submitted by Alliance members by 2015.

Objectives

- To help make Southwark a Dementia Friendly Community where all generations and communities inspired to respond to the challenges faced by the growth in the numbers living with dementia.
- be a voice of dementia in Southwark
- To ensure that services and recreational and commercial resources are accessible for people living with dementia and their friends and families
- To ensure it feeds into the National and London Dementia Action Alliance
- To compliment other initiatives locally and regionally to support people living with dementia and their friends and families
- To establish an Dementia Alliance Steering Group to oversee and ensure continued development of Action Plans

- To identify initially key organisations including businesses, voluntary, community, private sector and education across the region with a common intent
- To secure commitment from these organisations to support the Alliance
- To encourage Local Alliances to develop and support Dementia Friendly Communities in their areas of influence.
- To ensure all member organisations commit to producing Action Plans against which they will report progress over time
- To identify further sources of funding to support the ongoing sustainability of the Alliance
- To develop / access / update a website for sharing of information, good practice and to celebrate achievements
- To create a monitoring framework to track progress over time that may include peer monitoring

Governance

National Dementia Alliance

The National Dementia Declaration describes the outcomes for people living with dementia which all Alliance members are expected to work towards. The National DAA coordinates Calls to Action on issues relating to dementia – such as the over-prescription of anti-psychotic drugs, and ‘Right Care’ – aimed at improving dementia care in hospitals.

Regional Alliance Steering Group:

The role of the Steering Group is to provide co-ordination and direction of regional improvement resources to support the implementation of the dementia strategy across Southwark, taking a leadership role with the implementation and the development of the Regional Alliance.

Southwark Dementia Alliance

To bring together organisations of influence across the borough to promote and support the development of plans and priorities identified by both the national and Southwark Alliance (based on the dementia declaration) and to influence the future shaping of the National Alliance.

Local Dementia Alliances

To bring together the community within a locality to raise awareness of issues facing local people with dementia, to promote the dementia declaration and to take forward actions to improve the lives of people living with dementia and support development of dementia friendly communities.

The Alzheimer’s Society has agreed as part of its dementia action plan to provide the initial secretariat for the Alliance. This will include:

- Being the first point of contact for queries about the Alliance.
- Organising meetings and events and taking notes.
- Advising organisations who want to join on what they need to do and giving some initial thoughts about Action Plans.

Membership

Every member of the Dementia Action Alliance will be committed to delivering the National Dementia Declaration and will have an Action Plan setting out what the role of their organisation is in delivering the outcomes described in the Declaration.

Local members' of the Dementia Action Alliance will be organisations that work across Southwark and will have to create an action plan to be published on the DAA website.

Local members will be encouraged to be involved in local partnerships with other organisations to deliver the outcomes for people with dementia and carers described in the National Dementia Declaration – and in general to contribute towards changing attitudes towards dementia in society.

Each organisation will require a 'lead named person' for contact purposes and they will be encouraged to submit quarterly progress reports to feed into the local and national picture.

The commitment of each organisation is commensurate with the size and scope of that organisation, and the Alliance recognises that even quite modest steps can make a significant impact upon the lives of people living with dementia in Southwark.

Quarterly Meetings

Steering Group Meetings will be held quarterly to update members on relevant developments in dementia and to enable and inter-change of ideas and sharing of good practice around dementia issues.

The Steering Group will meet regularly and contain a membership that is reflective of the DAA as a whole (in all of its constituent parts)

It be chaired by a member of the local DAA who is elected annually by the membership of the DAA. Administrative, partnership and other tasks will be shared by the membership of the steering group, with these being reviewed by the Steering Group on a regular basis .

Communications

The Alliance will also endeavor to communicate with members on any news or opportunities relating to improvements for people with dementia and carers.

For more information, please contact: