

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 10 September 2015	Meeting Name: Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Financial Inclusion
Report title:		Dementia Support Grants	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All Wards- People living with dementia, their families and communities	
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The cabinet member for adult care and financial inclusion approves the continued funding for the following services from January 2016 to March 2016:
 - The dementia café at a cost of £7,250
 - Part time dementia support worker at a cost of £5,672.
2. The cabinet member for adult care and financial inclusion approves the continued funding for the following services from October 2015 to March 2016:
 - Dementia Adviser at a cost of £14,500
 - Dementia Action Alliance Co-ordinator and associated expenditure at a cost of £20,000.
3. The cabinet member for adult care and financial inclusion approves a further extension for one or more of these projects under grant as required (subject to funding being available through the Better Care Fund) for a further six months from April 2016 to September 2016.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Children and Adults Service currently fund via money transferred to the council from the NHS via the Better Care Fund (BCF) a number of specialist dementia support services provided by the Alzheimer's Society. The strategic management of the BCF locally is delivered through the Integrated Working Group, made up of senior managers from the council and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). This group sets the strategic priorities of the fund, as well as charting the progress and the impact of the various BCF initiatives. These services are currently paid for through four separate grants which are set out below

Consortia of Older People Services in Southwark (COPSIN) Grant

5. The part time dementia adviser currently funded by the council as part of its grant to the COPSIN consortia) The dementia adviser works closely with the memory service operated by South London and Maudsley (SLAM) NHS services supporting people who have recently been diagnosed alongside their

carers. The adviser provides an immediate assessment of each person's needs and undertakes follow up referral and case work as required. Until now this funding has been incorporated into the grant the council pays to COPSINS. The CCG also funds a further Dementia Adviser post as part of their contract with SLAM, and it is the intention of both parties to combine this investment with that made by the council in the future to re procure effective immediate post diagnostic support in Southwark. Despite the funds being paid to the Alzheimer's Society through a different way, the organisation will remain a key member of the COPSIN consortium.

Support Services Grant

6. This grant funds one part time Dementia Support worker who provides longer term 1:1 support to individuals living with dementia and their carers through providing emotional support, information, and referral/advice and also facilitates a monthly carers group held at a GP surgery. The nature of the support worker differs from that of the adviser, as it is longer term and is directly involved in co-ordinating on going support for people living with dementia and their carers
7. The Dementia Cafe Coordinator is also funded through this grant, and they facilitates a weekly Dementia Cafe which is a support and healthy living drop in space offering social activities, support groups and advice for people living with dementia, their carers and family members. The cafe operates from Darwin Court sheltered housing and community scheme in Walworth and run in partnership with Peabody Trust who manages the building. Attendance is currently averaging 24-26 per people week and there is a range of peer support activity that cascades from the cafe membership which includes exercise, music therapy, reminiscence, art, and creative drama and health promotion sessions.

Dementia Action Alliance

8. The Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) Co-ordinator is a new post that in April 2015 was provided with six months initial six funding through the CCG BCF slippage in 2014/15. This part time position brings together local organisations in Southwark to improve the lives of people with dementia and their carers. The DAA is an alliance between the council, the NHS, community sector, public service organisations, private sector businesses, faith groups, arts and leisure institutions. Their collective aim being to ensure that the services that they provide and the workforce that deliver them are responsive to the needs of people living with dementia and their carers. The DAA is seen by the council of delivering it's commitment as set out in the November 2014 Cabinet report to make Southwark a Dementia Friendly Community.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

9. These grant awards are required in order to ensure continued enhanced post diagnostic support for people living with dementia and their families/carers whilst the council works with it NHS, voluntary sector and people living with or directly effected by dementia to develop a new pathway. This pathway will place greater emphasis upon supporting people to live as independent and as well as possible in their own communities and neighborhoods.
10. It is estimated that there are currently 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK, of which 40,000 are below pensionable age with the financial cost of dementia to the UK is estimated to be £23 billion per annum

11. The DOH estimate what proportion of the population in Southwark are likely to be living with dementia and set targets for all CCGs to reach a 67% diagnosis rate by March 2015. The DOH therefore estimate that there are 1,480 people living with dementia in Southwark, and local figures show that as of June 2015 78.1% of the estimated population(1,156 people) have had a formal diagnosis on practice dementia registers.

Dementia Diagnosis rates in Southwark July 2014 to June 2015

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	2015/16	Apr	May	Jun
Trajectory - diagnoses	939	961	983	1,005	1,027	1,049	1,071	1,093	1,115		988	988	988
Actual number diagnosed	904	928	958	988	1,023	1,028	1,050	1,090	1,127		1,152	1,151	1,156
Trajectory - % diagnosed	66.4	67.8	69.1	69.4	69.7	69.0	69.4	69.7	69.0		67.0	67.0	67.0
Actual % diagnosed	54.3	55.8	57.6	59.4	61.5	61.8	63.1	66.0	67.7		77.8	77.8	78.1

12. People living with dementia are requiring increasing levels of care and support across the wider health and social care economy as people live longer, often also living with chronic and debilitating long term conditions. It is estimated there are 670,00 carers of people with dementia in the UK and as diagnosis rates have improved, post-diagnosis support and interventions are going to be the main focus of NHS England this year. NHS England are currently agreeing some simple metrics to focus this work – these are likely to include far more targeted care planning immediately after diagnosis and how this is best delivered.
13. As the numbers of people living at all stages of the condition rises, the need for the individuals and their carers to receive support and advice at the right time increases. Post-diagnosis support and interventions are going to be the main focus of NHS England in the coming year. The NHS England are currently agreeing some simple metrics to focus this work nationally – these are likely to include something on care planning immediately after diagnosis and so the SCN post-diagnosis work stream have started thinking about what good care planning in dementia should look like.
14. Within the Southwark context, the council is working with the CCG in relation to the delivery of care based around Local Care Networks (LCNs) with one network covering both the north and south of the borough respectively. It is envisaged that LCNs will mean that the emphasis on support will continue to shift towards supporting people in their community as opposed to acute and residential care moving forward will be strengthened.
15. These grants are best placed with the Alzheimer's Society at this time. The agency are recognized both nationally and locally as leaders in the field and they work closely with other voluntary sector partners through COPSinS as well as

NHS and social care practitioners. The organization have a good record of delivery and are closely linked in to the local, business, community, arts, leisure as well as the health and social care sector in Southwark.

Policy implications

16. The work covered by this report forms part of a wider programme to implement the Fairer Future Promise 10, to make Southwark an Age Friendly Borough and the creation of a Centre of Excellence for People Living with Dementia.
17. The grant awards are a further way of cementing the council's commitment to effectively support people with dementia and their carers in a number of other local work streams and policy initiatives, such as:
 - A Future Vision for Adult Social Care that is currently being developed
 - The council's commitment to promote assistive technology to support people living with dementia to retain as much independence as safely as possible in the community
 - Implementation of the wider carers strategy to improve outcomes for all carers (Including those supporting people living with dementia)
18. The Care Act 2014 confers duties on local authorities to promote individual well being, establishing preventative services, promoting integration with health, information and advice about care and support, and assessment of needs and support for adults and as well as their carers. All of which would be supported through these grant awards
19. The grant awards also links to the November 2014 cabinet decision to move to Southwark becoming a dementia friendly community and the establishment of the Southwark Dementia Action Alliance.
20. The council is also a signatory to the National Dementia Declaration, which is being delivered locally in part by the services provided by the Alzheimer's Society. The declaration identifies seven key messages, that are phrased in the voice of a person living with dementia as summarised below:
 - I have personal choice and control or influence over decisions about me
 - I know that services are designed around me and my needs
 - I have support that helps me live my life
 - I have the knowledge and know-how to get what I need
 - I live in an enabling and supportive environment where I feel valued and understood
 - I have a sense of belonging and of being a valued part of family, community and civic life
 - I know there is research going on which delivers a better life for me now and hope for the future.

Community impact statement

21. Dementia is associated primarily with an aging population, and it is calculated that one in three people nationally over the age of 65 will develop dementia at some stage, with rates increasing the older people become. In Southwark the memory service hosted by SLAM reported last year, 75% of all diagnosis was amongst people aged over 80.¹
22. It is further estimated that nationally two thirds of all people living with dementia are women, which is consistent with a general longer life expectancy amongst women compared to men. Women are also often more likely to be the carers of people living with dementia. However, in Southwark recent rates of diagnosis at the memory service amongst men (41%) appear higher than the national averages, which are primarily thought to be as a result of the local campaign to increase rates of diagnosis.
23. An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) in 2012 of the council's vision for a new offer for in house day service users, found a higher rate of dementia diagnosis amongst men in Southwark compared to the national averages.
24. The All Parliamentary Group on Dementia enquiry 2013 concluded that evidence in relation to ethnicity and dementia was limited. It did however indicate there might be lower awareness, higher levels of stigma, and different cultural understanding of dementia among people from some Black and Minority Ethnic communities. Language and cultural differences may result in people presenting later to general dementia services than their white British counterparts.
25. In Southwark the evidence in relation to ethnicity and dementia is also limited. The memory service report that rates of recent diagnosis showed that 27% were amongst Black and Ethnic Minority people. This being higher than the 19% of the total older population who are from these communities as recorded in the 2011 census. The largest groups being from the Afro Caribbean and African communities, corresponding with the wider demographic make up of the borough. The council EQIA referred to above also concluded that almost 33% of users of in house dementia day services were from Black and Minority Ethnic communities. This is thought to be as a result of health and social/economic inequalities experienced by and the correlation between long term conditions disproportionately such as diabetes, stroke and dementia disproportionately affecting these communities.
26. By the nature of their condition, people living with dementia would also be considered under the equality duty as being disabled. However as the condition disproportionately affects the very old, people living with a learning disability or one or multiple other long term conditions; people with dementia are considered disabled under the relevant equalities legislation.
27. The data available in relation to correlation of the prevalence of dementia and marriage/civil partnership, sexuality, gender reassignment and faith is very limited, but there are not thought to be any negative impact upon these communities as a result of this grant award.
28. Therefore with regard to the council's duties under section 149 of the Equality Act, the consolidation of the dementia specialist services and establishment of

¹ http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=341).

the pilot community navigator post will have a positive impact upon the groups listed under the council's equality scheme

Resource implications

29. The grant will be managed through current staffing resources contained within the existing Children's and Adults Commissioning Department structure.
30. Monitoring of the grant is based on the conditions of grant funding which amongst other things includes evidence of work being done and outcomes being met.

Legal Implications

31. Please see the legal concurrent below.

Financial Implications – FI/1100

32. Provision has been made through the Better Care Fund until 31 March 2016 for the services mentioned in this report.

Consultation

33. The council has sought the views of its partners in the Clinical Commissioning Group and key health partners in the BCF and the Southwark and Lambeth Integrated Care (SLIC) Dementia work stream. The council is also currently working with our CCG partners to seek the views of people living with dementia and their families to assess the relevance in Southwark of the national "I" statements as set out in the National Dementia.
34. This engagement is building upon what the council learned from the consultation and co production with the wider dementia community in Southwark in relation to the vision for future Centre of Excellence in Southwark. This work clearly demonstrates the need for improved and more coordinated post diagnostic dementia support in Southwark.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Head of Procurement

35. Not applicable.

Director of Legal Services

36. This report seeks approval of the award of further grant funding for a variety of dementia support services summarised within paragraphs 1 to 3 and described within paragraphs 6 to 9. The report advises that future grant awards for these services beyond 31 March 2016 will be subject to availability of Better Care funding.
37. The decision to approve the report recommendations is one which is expressly reserved to the Cabinet Member under Part 3D of the council Constitution. The proposed grant awards are consistent with the council's statutory duties and powers and with corporate policy, in particular, the Fairer Future Promises.

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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services FI/1100

42. Please see finance implications section above.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet Report-Dementia Friendly Southwark 18 November 2014 (item 11)	Strategy & Commissioning	Andy Loxton 020 7525 3130
Link: http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4864&Ver=4		

APPENDICES

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