

Agenda Item:

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Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	28 July 2010
Officer	Director for Adult and Community Services
Subject of Report	Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee Review of Dementia Services in Dorset – Final Report and Summary
Executive Summary	<p>There were a number of reasons why members considered that a review of dementia services was necessary but what has sometimes been described as Dorset's "demographic time bomb" can perhaps be regarded as the main driving force. In 2007 a report entitled "Dementia UK" by the Alzheimer's Society predicted that by 2025 one million people in the UK will have dementia. Using population data and dementia prevalence rates, estimates have been made about future demographic trends in Dorset. These suggest that people over the age of 65 with dementia will increase from 7,796 in 2010 to 11,734 by 2025. Members were concerned about the challenges that this forecast presents to the future planning, commissioning and delivery of services.</p> <p>The focus of the review was to establish what life is like in Dorset for older people with dementia and for their carers. A Scrutiny Review Panel (the Panel) was set up to undertake this work. On the Panel were five elected members from the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee who were joined by a number of invited representatives bringing different experiences and perspectives to the table. This included the Alzheimer's Society, the Dorset Age Partnership, a Carers' representative, Dorset Local Involvement Network (LINK), Dorset County Council and NHS Dorset.</p> <p>The report is the culmination of many months work and is recommended to the Committee for adoption.</p>

<p>Impact Assessment:</p>	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment: Although an Equalities Impact Assessment has not been done in the review report one of the main strands of enquiry of the review was about access to services and the consistency of service provision across the County.</p> <p>Use of Evidence: Commissioning bodies and service providers were invited to give formal written evidence for the Panel to consider. Three question and answer sessions were then organised for the Panel to hear and discuss in more depth certain aspects. Further information was collected through a series of one to one interviews and visits. Where visits or face to face interviews were not practical information was also gathered through telephone interviews or e-mail correspondence. One of the most important aspects of the review was to hear from people across Dorset living with dementia and their carers. Their words and responses have been used to provide a “reality check” against which the other evidence has been judged. The Dorset LINk agreed to undertake this aspect of the review on behalf of the Panel.</p> <p>The written and oral formal evidence was considered and discussed in a series of meetings of the Scrutiny Review Panel. The Panel drew its conclusions from the outcome of these meetings together with the community engagement work and from these has collated a set of recommendations.</p> <p>Budget/ Risk Assessment: During the review there have been expenses for Members and invited representatives on the Scrutiny Review Panel whilst undertaking the work. There will be costs associated with publishing of the review report and summary. There may also be a cost implication for the Adult and Community Services Directorate from actions that arise as a result of the Committee’s recommendations. Clarification from the Directorate together with the identification of the source of any required funding would be needed before an action plan can be implemented.</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) adopt the final report and summary of this review; (ii) at appropriate intervals monitor progress in implementing the recommendations by any organisation or body identified; and (iii) publish the report in hard copy and on-line at www.dorsetforyou.com/healthscrutiny
<p>Reason for Recommendation</p>	<p>The work of the Committee contributes to the County Council’s aims to improve life chances, health and independence for people within thriving and safe communities</p>

Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Final Report of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee Review of Dementia Services in Dorset.2. Summary of Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee Report of Dementia Services in Dorset.
Background Papers	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Report to Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee by Director for Adult and Community Services, 22 July 2009 – Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee Review of Dementia Services in Dorset – Project brief
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