

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 6th December 2022

Title: West Wales Region Dementia Strategy and Ceredigion Proposal for the development of a Local action plan

Purpose of the report: To inform Cabinet of the details of the Regional Dementia Strategy and to seek approval to proceed with a local engagement programme to support the development of a local Dementia Action plan

For: For Information and approval

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member: Councillor Alun Williams, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Through Age and Wellbeing

BACKGROUND:

In response to several national drivers including the National Audit of Dementia, the Dementia Action Plan for Wales 2018 – 2022, All Wales dementia Pathway of Standards 2021 and more recently the Dementia Friendly Hospital Charter, there has been a need to improve the care and experience of people living with Dementia within West Wales.

The West Wales Care Partnership (WWCP) brings together organisations from the statutory, third and independent sectors with a remit of integrating and transforming health, care and support in the region.

A statutory Regional Partnership Board oversees the work of the WWCP.

A regional Dementia Steering Group sits underneath the RPB and comprises representation from across the Partnership. It provides a mechanism for developing a regional approach to caring for people living with dementia (PLWD) and their families. This Group worked closely with 'Attain' an external consultancy, in developing the Strategy and will have a key role in taking forward implementation of the next phases of work.

Welsh Government provides funding through the previous Integrated Care Fund (ICF) - now Regional Integration Fund, to support the improvement of care and support for People Living With Dementia (PLWD) and their families, This funding is managed through the Dementia Steering Group and will be instrumental in delivering agreed priorities within the Strategy.

Regional Development Strategy

In February 2021, the WWCP appointed Attain to work with partners to develop a regional dementia strategy and service model pathway of care. Alongside this work, we carried out a review of the regional ICF dementia projects which provided a steer as to what services should continue to be funded, as well as an indication of any additional initiatives that should be undertaken during 2021/22. One priority area was for Attain to develop a business case for the introduction of a dementia wellbeing connector which is based on best practice and an intrinsic role within the WW Dementia Wellbeing Pathway.

The context for this work includes:

Increasing focus worldwide on dementia and its impact on health and social care systems; prevalence is increasing year on year, mainly due to people living longer, particularly in high income economies.

To clarify its dementia strategy, In February 2018, the Welsh government published the 'Dementia Action Plan 2018-2022'.

The vision is for Wales to be a 'dementia friendly nation that recognises the rights of people with dementia to feel valued and to live as independently as possible in their communities'.

In March 2021, Improvement Cymru published the All-Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards. This work, directed by the requirements of the Dementia Action Plan for Wales, is overseen by the Welsh Government Dementia Oversight Implementation and Impact Group (DOIIG).

The twenty standards have been designed to be dynamic by responding to evaluation and supporting evidence. They sit within four themes: Accessible, Responsive, Journey, Partnerships and Relationships Underpinned by Kindness and Understanding.

The standards have been developed using the Improvement Cymru Delivery Framework and it is anticipated that work will focus on developing a two-year Delivery Framework Guide for the Welsh regions covering the period April 2021 – March 2023.

Prior to the implementation of the Framework, Attain has co-designed this strategy with colleagues, people living with dementia and their carers across West Wales. The high-level strategy also provides a programme governance structure and the foundation on which to fund services which is in line with the Improvement Cymru Delivery Framework.

Public engagement to develop a Ceredigion Dementia Action Plan

The key next phase for Ceredigion is to engage with key stakeholders and the wider public to inform with the development of a Ceredigion Dementia Action Plan.

It is proposed to commence with the engagement in early January 2023 for a 12-week period. The services of an independent consultancy company are in the process of being procured to lead on the engagement and development of the action

plan. This element is being funded through Regional Integration Funding (Dementia Steering Group).

This work sits under Carer's, Community & Ageing Well Steering Group - TAW Programme 3.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? Yes
If, not, please state why

Summary:

Long term: The strategy will provide a blueprint for the development of Dementia support and services for the future in Ceredigion.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Collaboration: The focus of the strategy has been on working in collaboration across agencies and with local communities and individuals affected by dementia.

Involvement: Stakeholders and partners will be involved throughout the planning and engagement period.

Prevention: Prevention is a key focus of the strategy to enable people living with dementia to be as independent as possible within their own communities.

Integration: This is an integrated Strategy.

Recommendation(s):

1. To endorse the regional strategy and approve the engagement programme and development of a local action plan.
2. To present the findings of the engagement and the proposed implementation plan to the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to returning to Cabinet.

Reasons for decision:

To enable the council to progress with the development of an action plan to support the local delivery of the regional strategy. To develop Dementia provision in line with the Through Age and Wellbeing Strategy.

Overview and Scrutiny:

The Regional Dementia Strategy was presented to the healthier communities Scrutiny committee on 27th October 2022

Policy Framework:

Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014
A healthier Wales: long term plan for health and social care
Age friendly Wales: our strategy for an ageing society
Ageing Well in Wales
Good Work Framework A Dementia Learning and Development Framework for Wales

All Wales dementia action plan
All-Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards

Corporate Priorities:	Links to all corporate priorities but specific relevance to Priority 2 – Investing in Peoples futures and Priority 4 – Promoting Environmental and community resilience
Finance and Procurement implications:	Regional Integration Funding (Dementia Steering Group) has been sourced to procure/commission the engagement programme and development of the action plan
Legal Implications:	Statutory requirement under SSWBA 2014
Staffing implications:	N/A
Property / asset implications:	N/A
Risk(s):	N/A
Statutory Powers:	N/A
Background Papers:	Regional Dementia Strategy
Appendices:	N/A
Corporate Lead Officer:	Donna Pritchard, Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Gofal
Reporting Officer:	Donna Pritchard, Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Gofal
Date:	6 th December 2022

Ceredigion County Council

Report to:	Cabinet
Date of meeting:	6 December 2022
Location:	Hybrid
Title:	Feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Regional Dementia Strategy developed by the West Wales Care Partnership Regional Dementia Steering Group
Purpose of the report:	To provide feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 October 2022

Background:

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Following discussion and consideration of the Strategy, Members agreed to recommend that Cabinet approves the Regional Dementia Strategy, subject to consideration of:

1. The importance of ensuring patients with dementia receive support in their first language.
2. Concerns were raised that respite care and day centres were not available locally for individuals and families, which results in people travelling further afield and spending more time on buses rather than in local day services. Members felt it important that suitable transport is provided as well as a local service provision wherever possible.
3. The utilisation of community facilities was suggested as possible opportunities to provide local service.

Councillor Caryl Roberts
Chairman of the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee