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# Update on Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Living Well with Dementia Strategy 2019 - 22

Adult Social Care Scrutiny

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# Background - Strategy

The Joint Dementia Strategy is owned by the LLR Dementia Programme Board which sits under the All Age Mental Health & Dementia Design Group

Strategy can be found at  
<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/social-care-and-education/leicester-social-care-and-education-provider-hub/dementia/>



# Some Key Stats

Nationally, 61.1% of those aged 65 or over estimated to have dementia have a coded diagnosis of dementia

Locally the rate is 76.3%

2345 people on the register

Covid has had an impact on diagnosis rates

# Vision and Guiding Principles

Our vision is that Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are all places where people with dementia can live well through the following guiding principles:



We aim to create a health and social care system that works together so that every person with dementia, their carers and families have access to and receive compassionate care and support not only prior to diagnosis but post-diagnosis and through to end of life.

# Implementation and Achievements

## Pilot

Pilot the Dementia Friendly general practice template and consider how to rollout more widely

- This has been adopted by many practices across LLR

## Engage

Increase Public Health involvement in the work of the dementia programme board

- Public Health are active members of the Board

## Research

Promote opportunities to be involved in research to people affected by dementia and their carers throughout the memory pathway

- Research opportunities are promoted through our communications strategy

## Pathway

Review & Promote memory assessment pathway and referral processes

- The Pathway was reviewed and work done with many agencies, including primary, secondary, acute and adult social care, VCS organisations, the broader council and wider agencies



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# Implementation and Achievements

## Diagnose

Develop a process to increase the number of people receiving a dementia diagnosis within 6 weeks of a GP referral

- Pre-Covid, the diagnosis rate was 87% thanks to promotion, awareness raising and training

## Diagnose

Work with care homes to pilot and roll out the dementia diagnosis toolkit

- Some care homes took part in the pilot and there are stronger links with primary care

## Monitor

Monitor the Dementia Support Services contracts and take action as appropriate

- This is business as usual

## Housing

Raise awareness of dementia with housing providers

- LCC housing department have rolled out Dementia Friends training; other housing organisations are members of the DFC movement

## Training

Contribute to a review of the dementia training on offer with a focus on delivering personal care to ensure a high level of expertise

- A broad range of training is available to agencies at varying levels according to the learner's needs



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# Implementation and Achievements

Focus	Support	Support and Improve	Communities	Engage
<p>Continue to focus on improving the inpatient experience and hospital discharge pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Leicester Hospitals have dementia friendly wards and activity coordinators</li></ul>	<p>Promote Dementia Support Services across LLR to include advocacy in the city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Support services, including advocacy, are offered to people across LLR</li></ul>	<p>Support the work to improve residential provision for people with complex dementia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•A pilot by Leicestershire CC on an improved dementia care model took place pre-Covid but has yet to be evaluated</li></ul>	<p>Support the Dementia Action Alliance to develop more dementia friendly communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Dementia Friendly Leicester application in progress</li></ul>	<p>Develop routine engagement processes with people living with dementia and carers to inform our work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Co-production with people affected by dementia and their family carers has developed and is actively used in service development</li></ul>



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# Implementation and Achievements

## Information

Review the dementia information offer to ensure it covers a range of topics, including accommodation options

- The Dementia Information Guide was produced and distributed across LLR

## Review

Review the current care and support standards used across LLR and agree a common set

- This needs to be picked up and continued in the new strategy

## Crises

Work with care homes and other providers to develop training and support to manage crises and work with reablement principles

- Training is recommended and promoted to support this

## End of Life

Make stronger links with STP End of Life work-stream

- Links are made

## End of Life

Ensure that people living with dementia and their carers are aware of Advanced Care Planning

- This is promoted by the statutory agencies, the Dementia Support Service and Carers Support Service



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# What does this mean for people living with dementia and their carers

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- The strategy seeks to ensure that Leicester is a place where people with dementia, their families and carers can access a health and social care system that works together to benefit them through:
  - **Prevention:** key risk reduction messaging and opportunities to be involved in research supporting the aim to find a cure
  - **Diagnosis:** earlier and more streamlined assessment process ensuring support is available to people far sooner
  - **Living Well and Supporting:** People with a diagnosis are enabled with information and advice to them to support them to live well for longer in the community
  - **Dying:** people with dementia and their families are enabled to plan for this difficult time and to be aware of the choices that are available to them



# Next Steps

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The strategy refresh process is starting this year led by the Dementia Programme Board, *but*

Strong determination by all to ensure that people affected by dementia and their carers are driving this

Anticipated timescale January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023



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