

## CABINET

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### LLR JOINT LIVING WITH DEMENTIA STRATEGY 2024-2028

#### Report of the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health

Strategic Aim:	Healthy and Well	
Exempt Information	No	
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## 1 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1.1 Summary

1.2 The report shares the Rutland results of the LLR joint Living Well Dementia Strategy 2024-2028

### 1.3 Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approves the Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland (LLR) joint Dementia Strategy 2024-2028
2. That Cabinet approves the Rutland Council Delivery Plan

### 1.4 Reasons for Recommendations

1.5 That the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Living Well with Dementia Strategy 2024-2028 be approved.

## 2 REPORT

### 2.1 Introductory Paragraph

2.1.1 The third LLR Living Well with Dementia Strategy is underpinned by the guiding principles from the NHS Well Pathway for Dementia.

- 2.1.2 The current Strategy covered the period 2019-2022. Due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by the COVID pandemic, the joint LLR Dementia Programme Board decided to extend the existing Strategy by an additional year to 2023.
- 2.1.3 The previous joint Strategy generated several LLR-wide actions, most of which have been progressed. Others which have been incorporated in the next joint Strategy and will be included in each partner organisation's associated delivery plans. These will be monitored by the LLR Dementia Programme Board (DPB)
- 2.1.4 The proposed Strategy was developed in partnership between LLR local authorities and the Integrated Care Board (ICB). The strategy refresh followed the timeframes below.

Action	Timeframe	Status
Reviewed the priorities described in the strategy and identify which priorities should be carried forward and what achievements have been made.	Apr 2022-Sept 2022	Complete
Engage with professional stakeholders, people affected directly by dementia, carers etc, analyse/collate feedback.	Sept 2022-Jan 2023	Complete, Healthwatch report received in Feb 2023
Draft strategy	Jan 2023-Mar 2023	Initial draft completed
Internal sign off for consultation documents	June 2023	Completed
Final draft of strategy out for consultation	July 2023- Sept 2023 (Public 10 weeks)	Completed
Gain approval from Cabinet briefing /cabinet	Dec -Jan 2023/2024	
Launch Refreshed Strategy 2023 – 2028	January 2024 – Dec 2028	

- 2.1.5 The refreshed Strategy will be implemented from January 2024. It is proposed that the strategy will remain live for a period of 5 years until late 2028. Due to the extended life of the Strategy, is planned that the progress of the Strategy action plan will continue to be monitored by the LLR DPB
- 2.1.6 The Strategy seeks to support people with dementia in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland area and has been informed by the experiences of those living with dementia or as a carer, their families and the organisations supporting them.
- 2.1.7 The strategy sets the priorities across LLR for ways in which Social Care and Health partners can support people living with Dementia and their families and have access to support. The strategy has been developed in partnership between the 3 Local Authorities, NHS Provider Trusts and local Voluntary sector organisations.
- 2.1.8 As a partnership, there is commitment to minimise the impact of Dementia whilst providing the best possible care and support with the aim of creating a health and

social care system so that the person with dementia, their carers and families have access and receive the care and support needed, pre diagnosis, post diagnosis through to end of life.

- 2.1.9 Rutland County Council have an Admiral Nurse Service. Admiral Nurses provide specialist support in Dementia care by providing support for carers and families affected by all forms of dementia. This ranges from face to face consultation, Information giving/telephone advice providing practical, emotional and bereavement support.
- 2.1.10 It is important to note that the priorities described in the document are high level as they must cater for Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, Rutland County Council and the ICB who each hold the responsibility of delivering the strategic priorities.
- 2.1.11 The Dementia Strategy and delivery plan supports priorities 3, 4 and 5 and their commitments outlined in the Rutland County Council Corporate Strategy.

## **2.2 Engagement**

- 2.3 Prior to the consultation a key piece of engagement with people living with dementia and their carers was undertaken by Healthwatch Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. This engagement informed the priorities developed in the strategy. Over 500 people (including carers, people with dementia and professionals) were engaged through a mixed methods approach. The feedback which has informed the Strategy, and which will shape the delivery plans of the partner organisations can be summarised as:
  - 1. There are inconsistencies across LLR with variations in the speed and types of diagnostic pathways
  - 2. Despite multiple channels of information, there are inconsistencies in people's experiences of access to, and appropriateness of it.
  - 3. There is inconsistent provision of, and access to support services with different barriers to be addressed.
  - 4. People living with dementia and their carers who had access to services provided by Admiral Nurses, Age UK, Voluntary Action South Leicestershire (VASL) and the Alzheimer's Society highly value the support and information they receive.
  - 5. There is poor recognition of the needs of those with early-onset dementia. There were suggestions supporting the need for a single point of access such as a hub, to improve information and access to services.
- 2.4 A Young Onset dementia event in which 3 focus groups with people with lived experience of dementia and their carers was held. The feedback received from the focus groups has supplemented the engagement undertaken by Healthwatch regarding development and priorities.
- 2.5 The results of these engagements undertaken were vital in developing the strategy and this is reflected throughout the document.

## **2.6 Consultation**

- 2.7 A formal consultation was undertaken between 17th July – 22nd September 2023 to engage the public as well as professionals working in the dementia field on our strategy proposal.
- 2.8 Partners promoted the Strategy amongst their networks such as care support provider networks, Dementia Programme Board, social media avenues. People were able to call a listed phone number or email with any queries. Paper copies of the consultation were also made available upon request.
- 2.9 In addition to what is outlined in the Plan, the Rutland communications team promoted the consultation through varied networks and support groups for people with dementia. Information was also included in our newsletters, internal bulletin and social media channels, alongside sending to partners to achieve a wide audience.
- 2.10 Direct engagement was also undertaken with community groups across LLR. This featured Age UK Leicester Shire and Rutland, Alzheimer's Society, and the VCS sector organisations.
- 2.11 358 responses were collected in total, 61 of these were answered by Rutland residents specifically.

## **3 IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION**

### **3.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.2 There is no additional investment attached to this Strategy. Each organisation will tailor their associated budgets in accordance with the priorities in the Strategy. The strategy and plan are delivered within the Adult Social Care Services budget.

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### **3.3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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- 3.4 The overall responsibility for monitoring the strategy delivery remains with the DPB. Each organisation will report to the DPB with regard to their delivery plans which will feed into the high-level priorities outlined in the strategy.
- 3.5 As stated in the strategy document there will be periodic monitoring of each organisation's delivery plan, to ensure actions are taken to achieve the high-level objectives in the strategy.

### **3.6 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.7 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has not been completed and is not deemed relevant to this report.

### **3.8 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.9 As this is an LLR Strategy the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been developed jointly with key Council and ICB colleagues and led by Leicester City

Council.

**3.10 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

3.11 None identified.

**3.12 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS**

3.13 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report. It's intended the aims of the Dementia Strategy and delivery plan will enhance the experience of People living with dementia their carers and relatives across the County.

**3.14 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

3.15 On 11 January 2021 Rutland County Council acknowledged that it was in a climate emergency. The Council understands that it needs to take urgent action to address it.

3.16 There are no environmental and climate change implications of the Recommendations.

**3.17 PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS**

3.18 There are no procurement implications.

**3.19 HR IMPLICATIONS**

3.20 There is no HR implications to the report.

**4 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

4.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.

**5 APPENDICES**

5.1 Appendix A - DRAFT Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Dementia Strategy

5.2 Appendix B - Summary Report of Rutland Responses to the Public Consultation and Engagement

5.3 Appendix C - Rutland's Dementia Draft Delivery Plan

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