

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD



<b>TO:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
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## SUBJECT

Lancashire & South Cumbria Dementia Strategy and Blackburn with Darwen action plan.

### 1. PURPOSE

To update the board on the development of a new dementia strategy for Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System (ICS) and the plans to deliver a Blackburn with Darwen action plan to complement the strategy locally.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

- To note the development of the ICS dementia strategy (attached as Appendix 3).
- To support and endorse the delivery of the Blackburn with Darwen dementia action plan (attached as Appendix 4).

### 3. BACKGROUND

Over the last 18 months, the Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Board has been leading the development of a new Dementia Strategy for the ICS, working with a range of public and Voluntary Community, Faith and Social Enterprise ('VCFSE') sector partners, along with people living with dementia and their carers. The Blackburn with Darwen Age Well Partnership has been represented on the strategy steering group and has made a number of inputs and comments during the development phase.

The Blackburn with Darwen Place Board received an update on this development in February 2024 and also had the opportunity to comment on the draft strategy. The update paper to the Place Board is attached to this report for reference.

It is expected that by the Health and Wellbeing board meeting, the strategy will have been signed off by all ICB partners including Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and will be publicly launched within the next couple of months. We understand that an easy read version is in development following feedback from partners including the Blackburn with Darwen Place board.

Once launched, delivery of the strategy at an ICS level will be through a number of action groups using the themes of prevention, diagnosing well, living well, supporting well, and dying well. During the strategy development, the Blackburn with Darwen Age Well Partnership developed an agreed Briefing paper to set out local priorities for the development of dementia support, which was used to influence the strategy content.

To further strengthen the local delivery of these priorities and to support decisions around future service planning and commissioning, the Age Well Partnership has developed a local action plan which both complements the ICS strategy and responds to the briefing paper priorities.

### 4. RATIONALE

The development of a dementia strategy for the ICS is an important step in delivering improved

care and support for people living with dementia and their carers. With numbers of people impacted by dementia expected to rise significantly in the next decade, it is vital that collectively the system supports people to:

- take action to reduce their risk of developing dementia,
- be diagnosed quickly and in a timely manner,
- receive proactive support to enable them to live as well as possible and remain independent for as long as possible, whilst receiving quality joined-up care and support as the condition develops and when they reach the end of their life.

Whilst it is recognised that action is needed at an ICS level, the Age Well Partnership also feels that a local action plan is needed. This action plan focuses on areas of delivery and commissioning which can be influenced and changed locally whilst contributing to the delivery of the ICS plan.

## **5. KEY ISSUES**

- Blackburn with Darwen partners have had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the ICS strategy as have people living with dementia and carers of people with dementia.
- The Blackburn with Darwen action plan has been developed by a multi-agency task and finish group, working with partners through a workshop and individual discussions and contributions. 42 people living with dementia and carers of people with dementia were engaged via partners to confirm the key priorities for action, identify any gaps within the priorities and inform the specific actions.
- Discussions have taken place with Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service to ensure a consistency of approach across the delivery of the dementia plan and the action plan to implement the Carers Strategy.
- The action plan includes outcomes and aims for 2025-2028 with detailed actions for year 1 and broad headline actions for years 2 and 3 as it is intended that this will be a dynamic document that will need to continue to develop in response to local need and national policy over the next 3 years.
- It is expected that the action plan will be agreed at the Age Well Partnership meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November and implementation will be overseen via that group. It will be formally reviewed annually to enable further development of actions for years 2 and 3.

## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no new policy implications from this work. The delivery of the strategy and action plan will support NHS England's Well Pathway for Dementia.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no new financial implications from this work. The ICB holds the commissioning budget for dementia post-diagnostic support and is planning a procurement process for the renewal of this from April 2025. The action plan will be delivered within existing resources.

## **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no new legal implications from this work.

## **9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The action plan will be delivered within existing resources.

## **10. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

The EIA checklist confirmed no adverse implications. The successful delivery of the strategy and

action plan will improve equality of access to support and care.

## 11. CONSULTATIONS

A broad range of partners have been involved in the development of the action plan including NHS commissioners and providers across mental health, acute and community care and primary care, local authority teams, Healthwatch and relevant VCFSE partners.

People living with dementia and carers of those with dementia were engaged with both by the ICS Strategy group and the Blackburn with Darwen action plan task and finish group.

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**BACKGROUND  
PAPER:**

Appendix 1 - Update to the BwD Place Based Partnership Board  
Appendix 2 - Age Well Partnership Briefing Paper  
Appendix 3 - LSCICS Dementia Strategy 2024-2029  
Appendix 4 - BwD Dementia Action Plan