

Developing a SW regional support programme for dementia

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Why have a regional programme?

- Common reoccurring problem across communities with no obvious solution.

“There is a general problem with...”

- Foreseeable and discernable value from taking a regional approach;

“The value of taking a regional approach would be...”

- Desired outcome for the region can be defined from the start and capable of being shared across communities.

“The regional product would be a”

For example....

- Problems not related to local issues but systemic, more general organisational issues.
- Potential to learn from different approaches.
- Identified as priority in NDS implementation plan
- High impact for people needing support
- Benefit derived by engaging with a regional stakeholder
- Supported by key stakeholders and people with dementia/carers.
- No proven good practice example in place.

Key principles

“It is accepted that for change to be effective & sustainable it has to be locally designed and owned....supported by DH regional teams where necessary”


“Informed high quality locally owned action plans”

“Good practice identified and shared”


“Targeted DH regional support”

from National Dementia Strategy Implementation Plan, DH, July 2009

Regional support programme

- Specific National Dementia Strategy themes
 - Congruence with existing relevant regional programmes
 - Targeted support for a few communities
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Specific themes

- Early diagnosis & intervention
 - General hospital care
 - Personalised care
 - Care homes
 - Whole system best practice dementia pathway
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Congruence with existing (wider) programmes

- Commissioning (NHS and social care), including use of resources
- Workforce development
- Carers
- Personalisation
- Housing LIN
- Integrated care pilots for dementia in Newquay & Bournemouth
- 4 SW peer support & advisor pilots

Targeted local support

- Negotiated support programme for 4-5 communities
- Implementation support across the whole system, not performance management
- Named link person for every community

Your help is sought:

- To share innovative practice
 - To volunteer to work with us on specific themes, of interest to you
 - Offer us feedback – today and beyond
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