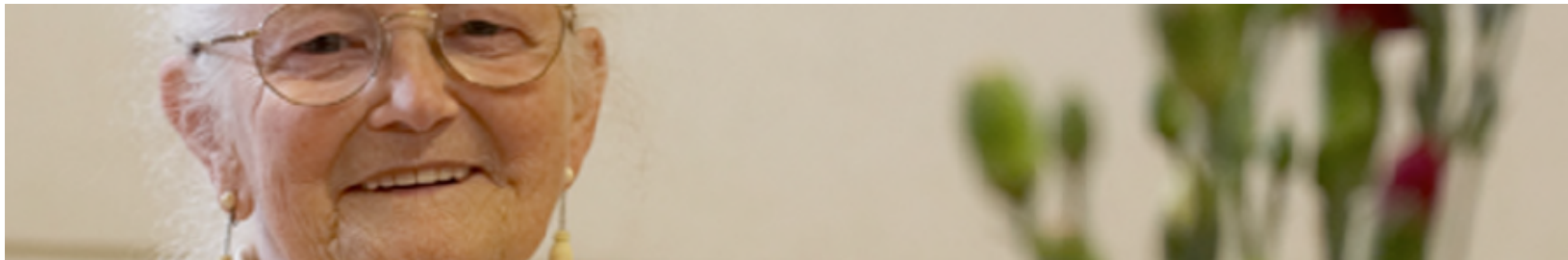


# **South West Dementia Review Conference**

**20 October 2009**



# Aims: to ensure

- Clarity on current commissioning and provision of dementia services
- Independent peer review base-line
- Preparedness and prospects
- Identifying innovation

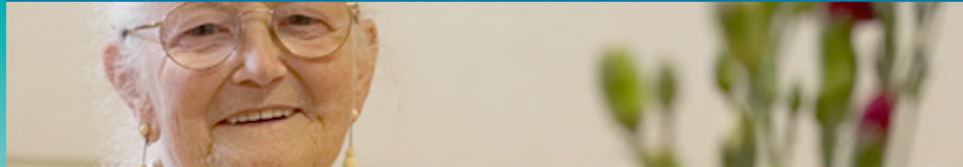


# Review Process

- Peer Review
- 14 Health and Social Care Communities reviewed in 9 weeks (6 May – 2 July)
- 2 day visits/written community report



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### Implementing the National Dementia Strategy



The joint regional review of dementia services project is overseen by the [South West Regional Dementia Steering Group](#). The Group was established, following the November 2008 South West dementia summit, between NHS South West, Government Office for the South West, South West Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and the Alzheimer's Society to oversee implementation of the National Dementia Strategy.

The background to the review is twofold: the view, highlighted by the [2007 National Audit Office report](#), that dementia services in most parts of the country require significant development; and the publication of the [National Dementia Strategy](#) in 2009, which sets outcomes across the care pathway than spans services provided by the voluntary, health, social care and independent sectors.

### National Dementia Strategy



Raising awareness of dementia, ensuring early diagnosis and intervention and radically improving the quality of dementia care. [Read more](#)

### National Audit Office report



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### Review process

Find out about the dementia services review process and methodology.

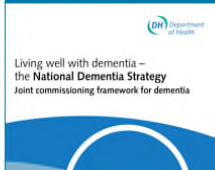
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### Local reviews

Find out about the dementia service reviews happening in your local area.

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### Joint commissioning framework



The National Dementia Strategy joint commissioning framework provides best practice guidance for commissioning dementia services. [Read more.](#)

### Latest news

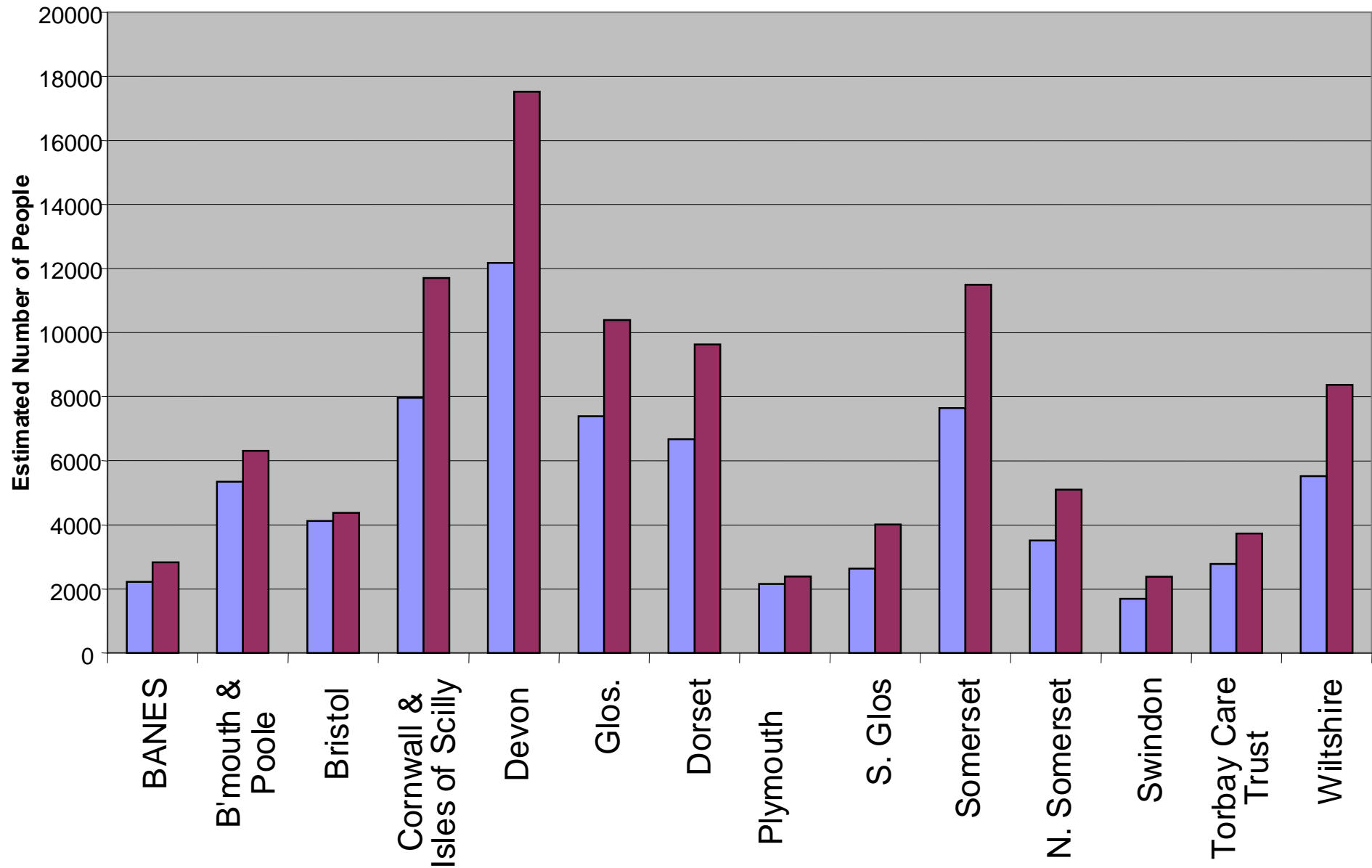
**Department of Health launches Carers Direct** - The Carers Direct information service is designed to provide a single and comprehensive online resource to help carers manage their lives

### Useful resources

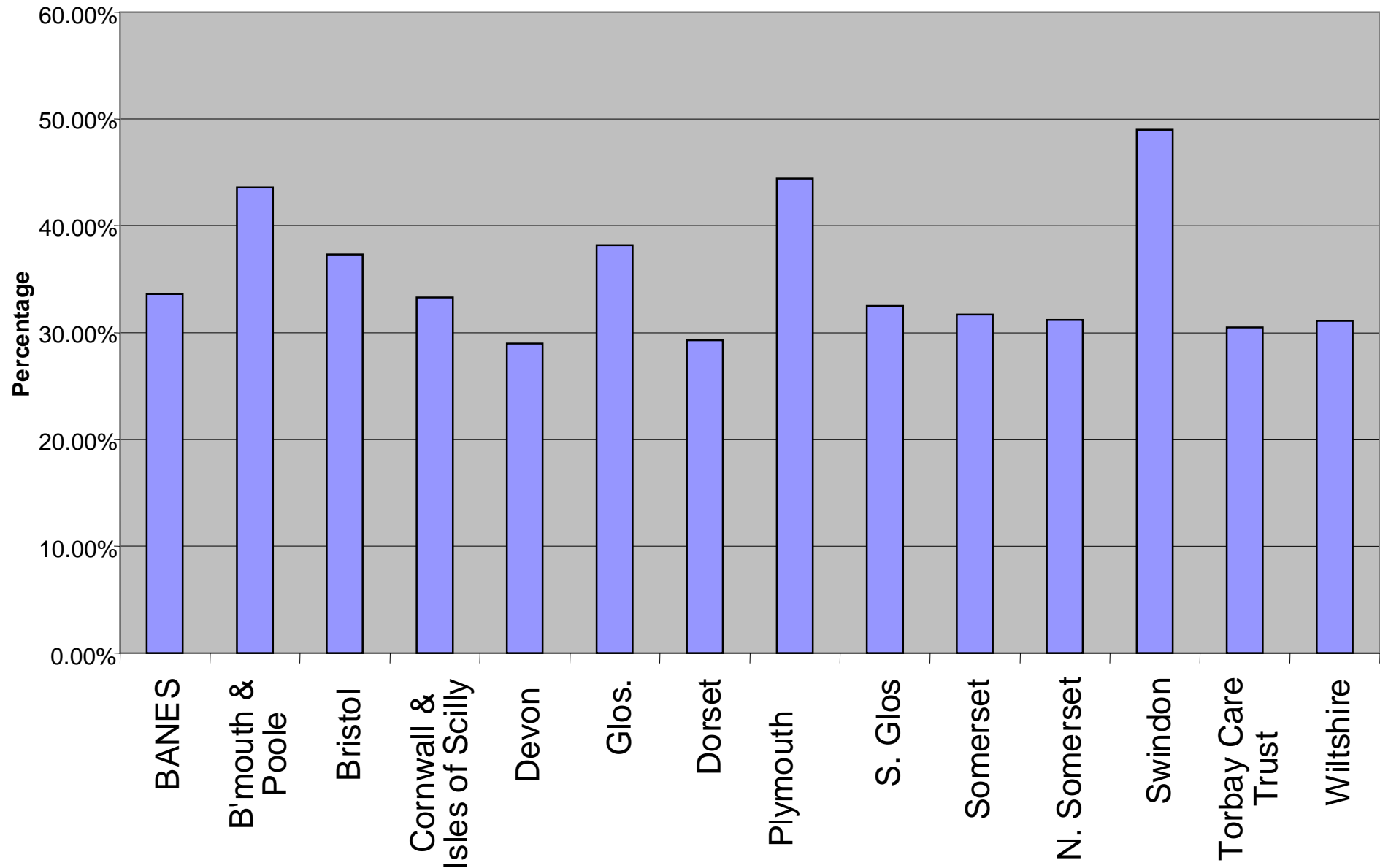


Access a wealth of useful resources to support service improvement in dementia services: policy, guidance, research reports,

## Number of People with dementia in the South West: 2007 and 2021



# Percentage of people with dementia on the GP Register



# Key themes from South West reviews

- Partnership working and leadership
- Winning hearts and minds
- Investment in new services
- Benchmarking and data
- Support for carers & people with dementia

## Partnership working and leadership

- Dementia seen as whole systems agenda
- JSNA/demand data is good ..... but capacity planning is poor
- Local action plans are variable
- Voluntary sector partnerships strong in many places
- Clinical leadership is patchy

# Winning hearts and minds

- Challenge: raising capacity and competence of generic older people's teams
- Awareness training across all sectors
- Strategies for engaging GPs ...?
- Personal support at home: overlap – transformation/IBs & dementia

## Investment in new services

- “If the DH don’t choose to ring fence the £150 million, then why should we?”
- Few communities protecting their share of £150m
- Some only looking at “invest to save” business cases or prior decommissioning

# Benchmarking and outcomes

- Data collection/knowledge about key indicators is poor .....
- ..... yet interest in benchmarking
- Limited local work on defining outcomes

# Support for carers

- Imperative of carers' support not always understood
- Support options and coverage varies considerably
- Poor data on assessment numbers
- Value of dementia advisor and peer support networks

# Support for people with dementia

- Still a lack of recognition in some areas of the value of early intervention
- Some challenges around definition of early intervention
- People with dementia do not have a voice

# Priorities for NHS South West

- Effective joint commissioning
- Developing Service specifications
- Specific data sets and metrics
- Dedicated workforce strategy for the South West
- Dementia pathway across whole system
- Regional public awareness campaign
- Integrating with the carers strategy
- Improving quality of acute hospital care
- Improved NHS support to care homes
- Profile of adult safeguarding
- Individual health budgets/NHS Continuing Health Care

# Challenges

- Scale of the change programme required
- Maintaining momentum of peer review process
- Developing and implementing consistent data collection regionally
- Ensuring pace of change anticipates rising demand

# The South West as National Leader in Dementia Care

- Agree priority areas for action
- Accelerate integration/joint working between health and social care commissioners/providers
- Performance manage NHS communities to address gaps identified in their base-line
- Drive new and innovative pathways of care based on national and international best practice
- Energise a new partnership with the community and voluntary sector
- Prioritise prevention and target those most at risk of dementia (health and well-being)
- Promote champions and engagement across all services and specialities

# Initial Timetable

- **OCTOBER 2009**
  - Regional Conference 20 October 2009
  - Process for sign off of overview report agreed
  - Strategic Health Authority Supplement report to include PCT benchmarking
  - Establish Strategy Implementation Group
- **NOVEMBER 2009**
  - Confirm joint agency priorities, ADASS, Clinical Pathway Group, NHS Chief Executives
- **DECEMBER 2009**
  - Implementation group develops work plan for each priority
- **JANUARY 2010**
  - Dementia Strategy Launch conference
  - Proposed date for report to Strategic Health Authority Board