

Joint Strategy for Dementia Implementation Update April 2013

The working group continues to review **Memory Services** provision across Barnet, Enfield and Haringey with a view to developing a single service that is in line with the Department of Health's commissioning toolkit.

A business case has been developed and has been presented to Barnet and Haringey CCGs where there has been an acknowledgement that there is a need to invest in the Memory Service; there is further work required to identify the number of appropriate referrals, demonstrate the benefit of early diagnosis and understand the impact of returning long term management of people with a diagnosis of dementia to primary care.

Contributes to objectives 2, 4 and 6

The **Multi Disciplinary Care Home Team** continues to work with care homes around the management of patients with dementia.

Training programmes have been delivered to staff in a number of care homes by the Clinical Psychologist on Dementia, Managing Challenging Behaviour and Depression. Evaluation of the training demonstrated that more than 90% of attendees stating that they had improved understanding and confidence in managing residents.

Contributes to objectives 2, 8, 9 and 10

Dementia Awareness : a new group has been established to take this work forward including representatives from the voluntary sector. Following an initial meeting an approach has been made to a marketing company to promote dementia awareness. They are available 13th - 19th May, and we have provisionally agreed to use them to host 2 week long roadshows one in Palace Gardens, the other at Edmonton. They will aim to promote dementia awareness, and specifically to get people to sign up to either the dementia friends programme and/or to get their contact details for someone to get in touch with them after the roadshow. The roadshow will be manned, and managed, by the company, but they are to work with colleagues from the voluntary sector.

Contributes to objectives 1 and 6