

Public Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Alzheimer's Society Services in Buckinghamshire.

Background

The original Buckinghamshire branch was started in 1987 and from that three branches evolved: Milton Keynes, South Bucks and Aylesbury & Buckingham. The South Bucks office is based in Beaconsfield, the Aylesbury & Buckingham office is in Aylesbury which is also the Locality office for Bucks, Berks and Oxon and the Milton Keynes office is in Stony Stratford.

The Alzheimer's Society in Buckinghamshire is part of the Berks, Bucks, Oxon Locality. The Society has six part time staff (Dementia Support Workers) in Bucks (excluding Milton Keynes) and eighty volunteers, supported by the Locality management staff. A group facilitator is being recruited to take a lead on Singing for the brain services and Dementia Café.

Prevalence of Dementia

	People with dementia (2005 figures)						People with dementia (2021 figures)					
	30-64	65-74	75+	Total	% of people 65+ with dementia	% of all people with dementia	30-64	65-74	75+	Total	% of people 65+ with dementia	% of all people with dementia
Buckinghamshire	127	697	4051	4875	6.43	1.01	135	862	6107	7103	7.07	1.44
Milton Keynes	52	234	1271	1558	6.55	0.71	66	430	2059	2555	6.28	1.02

Source dementia UK report

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Existing Services

Bucks, Berks & Oxon Locality - Summary Of Services

North Bucks		South Bucks
Alzheimer's Cafe		Newsletter
Bee-Friending Scheme		Bee Friending Scheme
Carers Coffee Morning		Carer Support Group Amersham
Drop in		Carer Support group Stoke Poges
Former Carer social group		Carer Support Group Wycombe Day
Helpline		Carer Support Group Wycombe Evening
Lunch Club		Carers Grant
Memory cafe		Helpline
Memory Support Group		Information Provision
Newsletter		One to one
Singing for the Brain		Singing for the Brain
Social Events and outings		Social events and outings
One to One		Tea & Talk
Information Provision		Former Carers
Helpline		Training Courses

Service attendance in
Buckinghamshire *Apr 09-Mar 10*

Count of Attendances

Support Groups	1370
Singing for the Brain	1384
Social events	841
Outings & Day Trips	103
Dementia Cafes	628
Helplines	2730
Information Provision	538
Bee-friending	46
Dementia Support Services	225
Provision of grants for holidays	11
Other services	85

Source : service database

Peer support services (Singing for the Brain and Cafés) provide an opportunity for Carers and People with Dementia an opportunity to enjoy time together in a safe environment.

The Bucks wide befriending scheme has been running for around 18 months and there are now 30 trained volunteers providing 100 hours of client contact per month, the service also allows respite for the carer.

Service Development

It is proposed to develop new Dementia Café's in the county, especially where no services exist in the proximity. An expansion of the Befriending scheme is also planned.

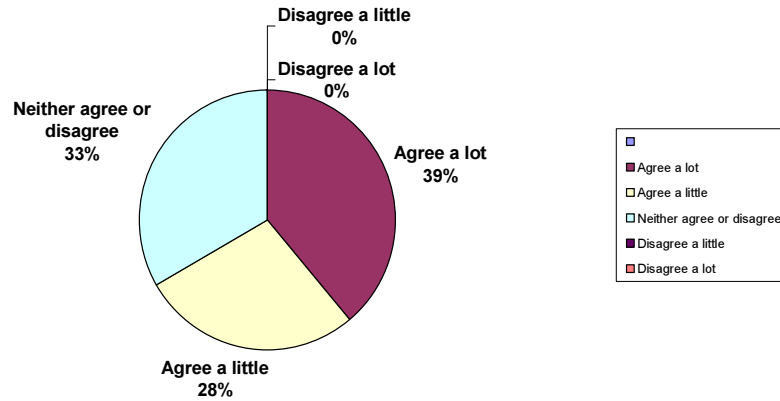
Should resources be made available the Alzheimer's Society would seek to assign a Dementia Support Worker to each consortia of GP Practices in the County.

The Service Strategy for the Society is to have a stronger focus on People with dementia.

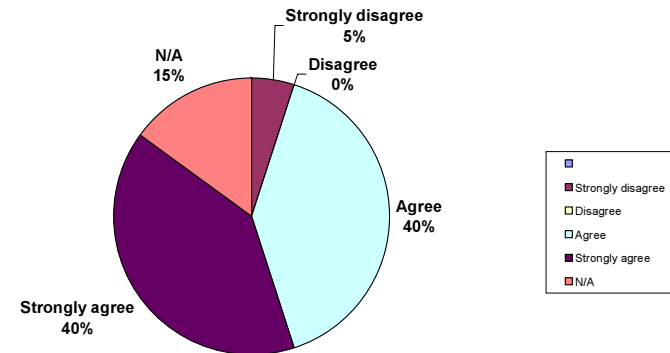
Service Outcomes

A sample of outcomes based upon a Bucks County Council questionnaire:

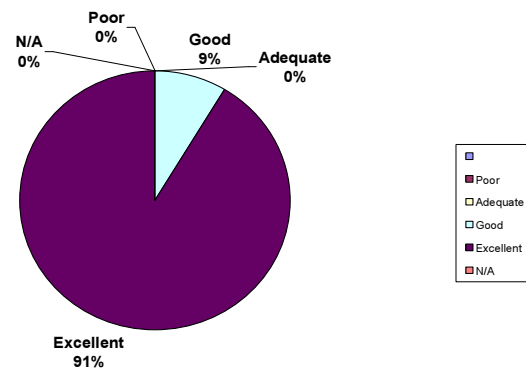
I feel my health has improved - ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY



This service has helped me to be independent - ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY



Overall satisfaction of the service - ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY



Finance

The current cost of service provision in Bucks is approximately **£136,000 pa.** which does not include any estimate of time donated by volunteers. Grant funding is currently **£43,000pa** , derived from the Carers Grant and Prevention Grant.

The funding gap is bridged by donations and fundraising.

Awareness Raising

The Society has trained volunteers and staff in the county who give talks to various stakeholder groups and third sector organisations.

National campaigns also help to raise awareness in Buckinghamshire.

Further detail can be provided if requested.

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