



Recommendations from the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee Rapid Review Group into support for people living with dementia and their carers in Buckinghamshire

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Response from Buckinghamshire Council’s Cabinet and Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Recommendation	Cabinet/ICB Response Agree/Not Agree/Agree in Part to the recommendation & comments	Progress in implementing the recommendations	Cabinet Member/Lead Health Partner/Lead Officer & timelines for delivery
<p>1. Develop a multi-agency Buckinghamshire Dementia strategy with specific action plans aligned to the Dementia Well pathway which brings together activities from across the health and social care system and local communities.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>The Strategic Approach and Direction to tackling Dementia is set by the multi-agency Dementia Steering Group and will be informed by the National Major Conditions Strategy and review of the current all Age Mental Health Strategy that expires in 2023.</p> <p>A specific action plan has been developed to align with the Dementia Well pathway. This will be reviewed on a routine basis and will be aligned to the Government’s Major Conditions Strategy when published. Implementation and monitoring will be led by the multi-agency Dementia Steering Group.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>A dementia strategy action plan document has been created. It is aligned to the Dementia Well Pathway and HASC recommendations have been incorporated with progress being monitored at the Dementia Strategy Group (DSG).</p>	<p>Dementia Strategy Group: Adrian Timon / Dr Sian Roberts</p> <p>Strategic approach to be steered by the Dementia Strategy Group.</p> <p>2024</p>

<p>2. Review the membership of the Dementia Strategy Group to include a broad representation within each pathway to ensure a strong, collaboration of key people responsible for delivering the dementia strategy.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>The Buckinghamshire DSG already includes a wide range of stakeholders – primary and secondary care providers, Buckinghamshire Council, Alzheimer’s Society, Carers Bucks dementia friendly community groups, the dental profession and Health Education England.</p> <p>However, following the Committee’s recommendation the DSG will explore extending its membership to ensure it has the strongest collaborative stakeholder group. The DSG will seek to include Care Home commissioner and provider representation, and a Councilor with an interest in dementia.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>The Terms of Reference for the DSG which includes the group membership was agreed at the November 2023 meeting. This document will be reviewed on a 6 monthly basis.</p> <p>In addition to this, a smaller steering group is being established to steer and oversee the action plan. It is anticipated that that this group will link in with a BOB wide Dementia Partnership Oversight group that is emerging.</p>	<p>Dementia Strategy Group: Adrian Timon, Integrated Commissioning, Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>DSG meetings are bi-monthly so recommendation completion will be August 2023.</p>
<p>3. Commitment by Public Health and Primary Care to provide a renewed focus on increasing the take-up of the NHS Health check for eligible 40–74-year-olds. A memory question should be part of all health checks and a more consistent approach to the information provided to patients as part of the health check should be agreed.</p>	<p>Agree in part</p> <p>The Council, Integrated Care Board and Primary Care teams are committed to increasing the uptake of the NHS Health Check for eligible residents. The NHS Health Check is a nationally mandated scheme and as such the requirements of this are set out in the national specifications. Those specifications currently include a memory section for individuals aged 65 and older.</p> <p>As the scheme is set out nationally, both the NHS Health Check programme and wider primary care would need additional resources to extend this memory section to younger ages.</p> <p>Healthcare practitioners delivering the Health Checks receive annual training. The Council’s Public Health team will ensure the importance of the memory question for residents aged 65+ is emphasized during this training. A review of</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Almost all participating GP practices have been visited by the NHS Health Check liaison. These practices have all been through the Quality Assurance process where the importance of the memory questions were emphasised as a requirement for patients age 65+ years.</p> <p>At the end of the financial year, a review of compliance will be conducted.</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Council: Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Tiffany Burch, Consultant in Public Health Medicine</p> <p>Improvements to training programme delivered this financial year.</p> <p>Quality assurance will be ongoing as each practice is visited once a year.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

	<p>this portion of the NHS Health Check will be undertaken to identify any further support and guidance necessary to ensure consistent and effective delivery.</p>		
<p>4. Public Health to include risks associated with dementia as part of all relevant public health campaigns, particularly on cardiovascular disease, so people make the connection that lifestyle choices affect both the heart and the brain.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>The Council agrees that the risk factors for dementia should be more widely communicated, so that people make the connection that lifestyle choices affect both the heart and the brain.</p> <p>For cardiovascular disease campaigns including Love Your Heart Bucks and the NHS Health Checks campaign, messaging will be included to highlight that ‘what is good for the heart is good for the brain’. Communications for these two campaigns will include explicit mention of dementia.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Dementia messaging was included in the latest NHS Health Checks communications campaign. Dementia will also be included in the women's health campaign launching in 2024. The Love Your Heart Bucks webpage will be updated to reference 'what's good for the heart is good for the brain'. Dementia will be added to the Tobacco Control Strategy which is currently in development.</p> <p>Public Health have worked with the Buckinghamshire Council’s Culture Team to develop a series of creative activities & workshops to engage residents in the question: 'what does it mean to age well in Buckinghamshire'. It started in October 2023 and will conclude in February 2024. The project is co-commissioned by Public Health and the Culture Department. The aim is to gather further insights into what older people in Buckinghamshire see as barriers / opportunities to ageing well. It also supports the Bucks Culture Strategy by engaging people in creative activities as a process and supports the Healthy Ageing Strategy which is due to be signed off shortly.</p> <p>Buckinghamshire Libraries and Public Health are collaborating to provide a Health & Wellbeing framework for libraries. This includes “Cosy Corners” in 11 Buckinghamshire libraries - dedicated spaces in libraries that provide info stands and stimulation activities for families and people living with dementia.</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Council: Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Tiffany Burch, Consultant in Public Health Medicine (cardiovascular disease campaigns)</p> <p>Sally Hone, Public Health Principal (Healthy Lifestyle campaigns)</p> <p>Timelines – Love Your Heart Bucks is a 3-year programme that ends in 2024/25. Dementia will be included in the online and physical resources and messages.</p> <p>NHS Health Check campaigns are delivered 1 to 2 times per year every year.</p>

		The activities include sensory boards, dementia-friendly games, jigsaw puzzles, and interactive pet toys.	
<p>5. School Liaison Officers to explore whether a dementia awareness programme for all school age children could be developed and promoted to all schools in Buckinghamshire to help reduce stigma, address cultural differences and create a better understanding of dementia and what support is available.</p>	<p>Agree in part</p> <p>The education team will be asked to signpost the following resources to PSHE leads, for use in the PSHE curriculum or as part of Dementia Awareness Week in May 2024: https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/dementia-friendly-communities/dementia-teaching-resources/schools.</p> <p>In addition, an agenda item and paper will be shared with Head Teachers through the liaison groups. Although it is likely that Head Teachers would be reluctant to commit time to developing this programme at this point in the term, information and resources that could be used would be welcomed.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Planning for school support for dementia awareness week in May is in train.</p> <p>Resources have been identified and will be issued to schools in the month leading up to the awareness week. Including Head Teachers via the liaison groups.</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Council: Anita Cranmer, Cabinet Member Education and Children’s Services</p> <p>Gareth Drawmer, Educational Services, Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>Carol Stottor, Public Health PHSE Lead</p> <p>July 2024</p>
<p>6. The BetterPoints initiative to be more widely promoted across Buckinghamshire to include all Members, Council staff, BHT staff, South Central Ambulance Service staff, Oxford Health staff, Community Boards, voluntary and community groups and all PCNs.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>BetterPoints Bucks launched in January and has already engaged with these specific stakeholders in a number of ways. These have included presentations, briefings, internal comms within networks and emailing known contacts. Materials have also been provided for consistent promotion of the app across all stakeholders.</p> <p>Conversations continue with community boards, local businesses and BHT about how they can support the programme, with presentations to primary care staff and at community events planned in the</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>An online toolkit has now been developed to support stakeholders and engage colleagues to disseminate awareness.</p> <p>Presentations have been delivered to Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust and across the ICB (including social prescribers, care coordinators and health coaches within Primary Care Networks) as well as in new starter events in organisations.</p> <p>October 2023 saw the launch of the 8-week Workplace Challenge. Several events have taken place where information about Better Points has been shared, from The Festival of</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Council: Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Sally Hone, Public Health Principal</p> <p>Ongoing – programme running until December 2024</p>

	<p>coming months. Continued support from stakeholders is required to promote the programme across available channels.</p> <p>An evaluation of the launch period is being finalised which indicates the success of social media in promoting the app. A toolkit is being developed for use by all stakeholders to strengthen awareness raising and engagement with the initiative.</p> <p>Additionally, a workplace challenge will be launched in Autumn 2023 for all Council and NHS staff. Engagement with the app now will be integral to the success for the challenge later this year.</p>	<p>Wellbeing in High Wycombe, Canal towpath opening with transport colleagues to the multiple Community Action Days.</p>	
<p>7. Oxford Health to provide clarity about medication reviews to those people who are receiving dementia medication and to include contact details of who to speak to about dementia medication.</p>	<p>Agree (already taking place)</p> <p>At present, everyone prescribed medication following a diagnosis of dementia is requested to contact the Memory Assessment Service two weeks after starting treatment, to establish their tolerance to treatment and re-order a further supply of medication. This is communicated both verbally and in writing (including clear contact details for the service) to the individual and/or carer at the time of diagnosis.</p> <p>A new Dementia Prescribing Pathway has been agreed at the local level, which enables primary care to start medication for dementia (without the need for a shared care prescribing arrangement) on the advice of the Memory Assessment Service. This is in keeping with NICE recommendations from 2018.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>OHFT have reviewed the Memory Assessment Service (MAS) delivery model to facilitate more assessments in response to the rise in referrals and waiting list accrued during the pandemic.</p> <p>The Memory Assessment Service will support GPs with Tolerability and Efficacy reviews. Once discharged from the Memory Service, GPs can access support from the Single Point of Access advice and guidance line. A newly developed MAS booklet has been added to the Dementia Toolkit and shared with members of the DSG to cascade with colleagues/patients etc.</p> <p>The team will deliver a face-to-face follow-up review three months after the start of medication following a diagnosis of dementia, as opposed to the current telephone review. This is to review the effectiveness of the treatment.</p> <p>Primary Care have commenced prescribing medication for patients and this change is working well. This aligns with NICE guidance</p>	<p>Oxford Health Foundation Trust:</p> <p>Dr Chris Ramsay, Associate Medical Director for Older Adults Mental Health (Bucks)</p> <p>Theresa McLarty, Service Manager, Older Adult Community Mental Health Teams (Bucks)</p> <p>Sarah Hill, Head of Service, Adults and Older Adults Community Mental Health (Bucks)</p> <p>July 2023</p>

	<p>Oxford Health will continue to address medication queries and offer reviews of the tolerance and effectiveness of medication, to guide treatment decisions.</p> <p>The Memory Assessment Service is presently being re-modelled to improve assessment capacity. The new service will go live in July 2023.</p>	<p>and the recent Buckinghamshire formulary change to enable medication for Dementia to be prescribed by GPs when advised by Specialists.</p> <p>All patients are made aware of the team contact number and ad hoc calls regarding medication are attended to by clinicians in the team.</p> <p>The new model has enabled the team to offer approximately 30 extra appointments per month, however demand continues to be high with the team receiving on average 150 referrals per month.</p> <p>Dementia diagnosis rate has increased steadily over the last 11 months from 56.8% in January 2023 to 58.8% in December 2023. This comes from the national Dementia Diagnosis rate data.</p>	
<p>8. Social care commissioners to review the memory service provided in Oxfordshire and consider introducing dementia support workers at the memory clinics to provide a joined-up service to those who have just been diagnosed.</p>	<p>Agree in part</p> <p>The Dementia Support Service (DSS) attends alternate Memory Clinic venues, delivering monthly group Post Diagnosis Information sessions to people who have been given a diagnosis and their carers.</p> <p>Due to lack of capacity within the service and a lack of space at the clinic sites, it has not been possible to provide a Dementia Adviser at memory assessments. A business case seeking an uplift of funding to enhance the DSS offer has been presented and approved both by the Council and the joint commissioning executive. However, the service is funded through the Better Care Fund and both the ICB and Council will need to determine the level of funding for the financial year 24/25.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>A business case seeking uplift of funding to enhance the Dementia Support Service offer has been produced and presented to the Adult Social Care Transformation Board and the Integrated Commissioning Executive Team (ICET). Both have supported exploring the option to secure additional investment.</p> <p>The Integrated Care Board and Local Authority are in discussions as to the level of funding for the financial year 24/25.</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Council: Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Tracey Ironmonger, Integrated Commissioning</p> <p>Integrated Care Board: Philippa Baker, Buckinghamshire Place Director</p> <p>March 2024</p>

<p>9. Primary care, social care commissioners and the Dementia Support Service to work together to develop a consistent approach to memory screening and reduce waiting times across the county. To clarify and promote the pre-diagnostic support available.</p>	<p>Agree in part</p> <p>Memory screening can be performed in the community in primary care clinicians (GPs and nurses). In addition, some PCN (Primary Care Networks) Social Prescribers have also been trained to conduct memory screening. The ICB continues to promote the benefits of screening to PCNs, however as PCNs are autonomous, the ICB cannot mandate that the PCNs must adopt this model.</p> <p>It is important to note that memory screening does not itself reduce waiting times for a dementia diagnosis. People who are found to have cognitive decline on the memory screening are referred to the Memory Assessment Service (MAS) for a definitive diagnosis. Unfortunately, in Buckinghamshire there is a significant wait list for the MAS (a legacy of Covid), although the Memory Assessment Service has an action plan to increase capacity and reduce the waiting times.</p> <p>Patients living in care homes can be diagnosed without a referral to MAS and Buckinghamshire is participating in an NHSE sponsored pilot (Diadem) which includes improving memory screening and diagnosis.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Quarterly Memory Information Sessions are delivered across the county by the Dementia Support Service. These are 1.5-hour sessions for anyone who is concerned about their memory, how to manage poor memory and next steps in accessing an assessment.</p> <p>There is a local PCN SNS care home target - encouraging PCNs to annually screen patients in care homes WITHOUT dementia. Memory Screening (GPCOG) training sessions provided to PCN Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) staff (social prescribers, care coordinators, MHP, paramedics, ANPs etc, at end of Oct (one session already delivered earlier this year). A training session on "how to conduct a Dementia Annual Review" for PCN staff was completed in November 2023. Additional sessions to be arranged.</p> <p>DiADeM pilot is currently live. The DiADeM tool help professionals diagnose dementia for people living with symptoms of dementia in a care home setting, who do not have a formal diagnosis. This pilot will enhance the dementia diagnostic rates. It will also aid patient flow by streamlining the pathway for care home residents that may be experiencing Behaviour & Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD). This pilot will come to an end in May 2024. Decision will be needed to fund for another year.</p>	<p>Dementia Strategy Group</p> <p>March 2024</p>
<p>10. Each Primary Care Network to introduce a named dementia specialist to co-ordinate the screening and pre-diagnostic support</p>	<p>Agree in part (funding and training resources would be required)</p> <p>Supporting pre-screening and diagnostic work within the PCN population is a sensible</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>PCNs may choose to nominate a care coordinator to support patients with dementia. The coordinators may be involved</p>	<p>Integrated Care Board: Philippa Baker, Place Director, Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System</p>

<p>within primary care and to work closely with the Alzheimer’s Society Local Dementia Advisers to deliver screening training to those nominated across the PCNs.</p>	<p>approach. As mentioned above, some PCN Social Prescribers have already been trained and are conducting memory screening in the community. The ICB can share this as an example of best practice to other PCNs, who may want to do similarly. However, PCNs are autonomous and the ICB cannot mandate that PCNs must adopt this model. In addition, training would need to be sourced and sustainable (as PCN staff have a significant turnover). This could be with an external provider eg Alzheimer’s Society.</p> <p>PCNs do have leads for specific areas (e.g. mental health, cardiovascular, care home etc.) but these are all funded positions. If each PCN was to have a dementia lead, resources would need to be considered.</p>	<p>with memory assessments in Care Homes as well as training some of the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) team to undertake memory assessment screening and therefore provide some capacity for this in the Community.</p> <p>Delivery of the ICB Frailty Strategy for those individuals who are in the community is currently a subject of discussion as to how we ensure that this cohort of patients is picked up alongside the more often focused on community who are in residential care.</p>	<p>March 2024</p>
<p>11. Adult Social Care (ASC) to ensure they refer people with memory concerns to the appropriate person – GP or social prescriber/named dementia specialist for a memory screening assessment and for those people with a dementia diagnosis, ASC need to refer to the Dementia Support Service.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>To improve knowledge of dementia support and services, the Council’s ASC locality team leads will promote the link to the Dementia Toolkit and “This Is Me” resources with staff at team meetings. The Dementia Support Service will also be invited to team meetings to raise more awareness and understanding of dementia services to staff. In addition, locality teams will develop their links to social prescribers in PCNs.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Champions have been identified for each respective team who meet on a monthly basis. Champions are staff working in the Hospital Discharge team, locality teams and also the social care front door. Champions meet monthly to raise awareness, discuss issues around dementia support and identify areas of need including the consideration for mandatory dementia training or the option of a refresher course annually for staff etc.</p> <p>The Dementia Clinical Director for the ICB will be providing memory screening training to the Dementia Champions.</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Council: Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Patience Mudambanuki, Adult Social Care Operations, Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>Ongoing Review March 2024</p>
<p>12. Agreement by the Integrated Care Board to additional investment in dementia support services for Buckinghamshire to address the current under</p>	<p>Agree in part</p> <p>The business case for additional investment is ongoing, and funding is under consideration for the financial year 24/25.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Funding is under consideration for Financial Year 24/25</p>	<p>Integrated Care Board: Philippa Baker, Place Director, Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System</p>

<p>investment in services. Additional investment to be used to provide a better integrated service across all pathways, with clear lines of responsibility.</p>			<p>March 2024</p>
<p>13. The recommendations in Healthwatch Bucks report on young onset dementia should be progressed alongside these recommendations in this report and therefore progress will be reported to the HASC Select Committee.</p>	<p>Agree in part</p> <p>Activity is already in place to develop support for people with young onset dementia (YoS). The Dementia Support Service offers peer support sessions for YoS and the Dementia Toolkit includes a section specifically for YoS as it is acknowledged that needs are different from those older patients with dementia. Options for further enhanced care is under consideration.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>The Dementia Toolkit includes a section specifically for Young Onset Dementia cohort, as it has been acknowledged that needs are different from those older patients with dementia.</p> <p>A Post Diagnosis Information session (PDIS) was delivered on 28th November 2023 at The Whiteleaf Centre. The session focused on patients diagnosed with young onset Dementia. A further PDIS session specific to people with Young Onset Dementia (YOS) is planned for May/June 2024. Any patients who preferred not to attend or who were unable to attend were offered a telephone call from a Dementia Adviser for age specific support and guidance and given the Dementia Connect Support line telephone number.</p> <p>A face-to-face meeting is planned for Tuesday 13th February following an online meeting last August and the PDIS session in November, to ascertain what support is needed going forward. There is a plan in development to create a peer network for these individuals which they will manage themselves and coordinate a time to meet when appropriate (as some members have work commitments/responsibilities).</p> <p>DSS will be providing drop ins for this group to capture feedback and share any key areas of concern to the DSG members for action. The Dementia Support Service team are currently supporting 5 people diagnosed with YoS, in their</p>	<p>Dementia Strategy Group</p> <p>Dementia Support Service: Alzheimer’s society</p> <p>March 2024</p>

		caseload.	
<p>14. Care homes to be part of the development of the Buckinghamshire Dementia Strategy and develop closer working between primary care network social prescribers, including the named dementia specialist, voluntary groups and local care homes to develop dementia specific activities to meet the needs of the local community.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>It is estimated that 70% of care home residents are likely to have dementia – yet few have a diagnosis. A diagnosis will enable the staff to deliver appropriate personalised care (Enhanced Health in Care Home Framework). Therefore, the DSG will extend an invitation to care home commissioners and the care home provider group to join the DSG. This will ensure that these key stakeholders are integral in developing Buckinghamshire’s strategic approach and contribute to the ongoing development of the dementia action plan.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Care homes providers have been approached - Candy Guo, General Manager from Beaconsfield Heights Care Home in Buckinghamshire agreed to represent care homes from Bucks at the DSG meeting.</p>	<p>Dementia Strategy Group</p> <p>August 2023</p>
<p>15. Care homes, primary care, hospital care and social care partners to encourage the use of “This is Me” to help capture information on the person with dementia. Reassurance from BHT that the John’s principles around the right to stay with people with dementia is part of the care offered during Hospital stays.</p>	<p>Agree in part</p> <p>Maintaining and respecting dignity for those with Dementia is vital. However, this recommendation is agreed in part based on lack of budget to revise the Red Bag Scheme across Buckinghamshire care homes and the challenges of developing a comprehensive Care Home forum to agree a single approach.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “This is Me” – It is possible to use “This is Me” within acute hospitals, but care homes tend to have their own versions of a resident history. It will take time to make “This is Me” the preferred and only document across all settings. Encouraging widespread use of this tool will be recommended to the DSG at its next meeting for inclusion in the Buckinghamshire dementia action plan. 2. John’s Campaign – From a BHT 	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust (BHT) supports the John’s campaign and provides an information pack as part of the Carers passport.</p> <p>BHT continues to embed the learning about John’s Campaign to staff but has only experienced a handful of relatives to date who have wished to remain with their loved one during the hospital admission but are happy with the extended visiting hours and overall care experience. The most common factors for not wanting to stay are carer fatigue or recognising there will be a change of accommodation in due course and the family are starting to adapt to the person having 24-hour care by other providers.</p> <p>“This is Me” is being promoted as best practice and will have another launch the</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust: Jo Birrell, Nurse Consultant Older People, Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust</p> <p>June 2023 - agreed documents for a Cognitive Bundle in all Acute and Community services within BHT and shared with Oxford and Berkshire West.</p> <p>July 2023 - promoted the cognitive bundle to care homes within Buckinghamshire.</p> <p>July 2023 - cascaded John’s Campaign teaching to all services in Buckinghamshire.</p>

	<p>perspective embedding John's Campaign is part of the Carers Passport and remains work in progress. This is in part because some carers who previously have wanted to be involved in their loved ones care are now saying they see the hospital admission as a break from the level of responsibility. Promotion of John's Campaign principles will be recommended to the DSG at its next meeting for inclusion in the dementia action plan. BHT and OHFT will be asked to assure the DSG that they are operating John's Campaign in their respective Trusts.</p>	<p>week of 19th February 2024.</p>	
<p>16. The Dementia Strategy Group to undertake an exercise to map current provision and highlight the gaps in support services with input from social prescribers, social care commissioners for day opportunities and community board managers with their local community groups. If the recommendation above to have a dementia specialist within each PCN is implemented, then we would encourage them to be part of this exercise.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>The DSG action plan includes a Living Well section for those with dementia and will include the mapping exercise to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review current provision 2. Identify gaps <p>The Council's Integrated Commissioning team are currently undertaking an exercise to map current provision and highlight the gaps in support services. All stakeholders, including social prescribers, will be consulted as part of this work. The DSG could act as a steering group to facilitate this piece of work and this will be proposed at the next meeting. The Community Boards, in conjunction with the Community Engagement & Development team, have agreed to support the mapping exercise as appropriate.</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>This action has been re-orientated, and the focus is on promoting the community opportunities/assets and supporting service users to access these services. A meeting is to be arranged for representatives from public health, Adult Social Care and the commissioning team to determine the best approach.</p> <p>Social Prescribers are actively patients to the Dementia Toolkit and the Buckinghamshire Info Net resource.</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Council: Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Tracey Ironmonger, Integrated Commissioning, Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>Wendy Morgan-Brown, Partnerships and Communities, Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>April 2024</p>
<p>17. Consideration to be given to using existing space at the council-owned day centres at Buckingham,</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>The Council-run Short Break Day Services currently have space which could be used for</p>	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>The Council has seven day centres across the county which predominantly support those</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Council: Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing</p>

<p>Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, Chesham, Wycombe and Burnham to accommodate dementia cafes, dementia support groups and other activities (both voluntary and commissioned) to increase access to these services across the county.</p>	<p>dementia cafes or dementia support groups. The Council would be supportive of working with any voluntary or commissioned organisation to see whether space in the buildings would be appropriate.</p>	<p>with complex learning disabilities who require building-based support. ASC actively encourage and welcome other uses of the buildings where there is spare capacity, including those that offer dementia support.</p> <p>Any group who is interested in using a day centre should contact ShortBreaksDayServices@buckinghamshire.gov.uk .</p> <p>Adult Social Care currently run community cafes for adults who need care and advice support and where this is best provided locally. Adult Social Care is committed to working in partnership with community and VCS groups as well as health. There are several music groups, voluntary organisations and local churches which rent space at the adult social care day centres which also host the outreach adult social care advice sessions.</p>	<p>Thomas Chettle, ASC Operations, Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>May 2024</p>
<p>18. Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust educators work with the council’s library services, voluntary groups and community board managers to re-introduce and develop a series of “Big Conversation” events across the county on a rolling basis.</p>	<p>Agree in part</p> <p>Subject to resource capacity and availability, BHT is keen to work with the Council to develop ‘Big Conversations’ across Buckinghamshire. The topics that could be discussed include, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions to make on the dementia journey • Behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) – the impact on carers and how to cope • Active walking and risks in dementia • Dementia and delirium – the difference, the relationship and management outside of acute hospitals 	<p><u>6 month progress update</u></p> <p>Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust are looking for venues that are free. The plan is for sessions to take place over the summer. Potential dates for sessions will be identified once venues are confirmed. This ties in with the work Public Health are carrying out about healthy conversations.</p> <p>The “Health on the High Street” initiative will present opportunities to raise Dementia awareness and signpost appropriate support. Health on the high street’ enables healthcare services to be delivered alongside public health and wellbeing initiatives, as well as social support services in the middle of our local town. It is designed to create an integrated system centred around the needs</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust: Jo Birrell, Nurse Consultant Older People, Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust</p> <p>Supported by Buckinghamshire Council: David Jones, Library Service, Buckinghamshire Council</p> <p>Ongoing. To be reviewed by April 2024</p>

	<p>The Library Service is also keen to contribute to a series of 'Big Conversation' events and is well positioned to support this initiative with a network of safe and accessible community spaces.</p> <p>Buckinghamshire library staff are trained as dementia friendly champions and the library service has developed partnerships e.g. Alzheimer Society and local care homes to provide services and support to people living with dementia including memory bags, reminiscences collections, the introduction dedicated 'Cosy Corners' with information points and recommended book stock.</p> <p>The Library Service will link with the relevant Community Boards to support the work where appropriate.</p>	<p>of our local people and communities.</p> <p>Through the Healthy Libraries programme, the Library service has secured funding from Public Health to update the Reading Well for dementia collection. This collection includes books that provide information, advice and personal stories for those living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia.</p> <p>In Buckingham, the Library service is working with the Alzheimer's Society local service to provide dementia information points and resources. They are also trialing a quarterly drop-in with the Alzheimer's Society, where a Dementia advisor will give a short information session on a requested subject and offer bookable 15-minute one-on-one sessions for personal signposting and support.</p> <p>The Library service are planning various events across the libraries to support Dementia Action Week in May.</p>	
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