

Health Innovation Network Dementia Programme

Why focus on Dementia?

There are approximately 13,000 people in South London diagnosed with dementia, with a further estimated 15,000 who are undiagnosed. The prevalence of dementia is expected to increase by 13 per cent by 2020. The challenge of supporting this growing number of people with dementia is exacerbated by the large number of Londoners living alone – there are currently 334,000 Londoners over the age of 65 who live alone.

Our priorities

Our engagement activities with member organisations, people with dementia and their families, and other stakeholders have informed our five key themes:

- Person centred care and support planning
- Improving patient experience
- Care homes as a positive choice
- Opportunities for peer support
- Support for family carers

The Dementia Team

David Bradley

Senior Responsible Officer

Chief Executive, South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust

Hugo de Waal

Clinical Director

Consultant, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

Rebecca Jarvis

Senior Programme Manager, rebecca.jarvis4@nhs.net

Work areas and projects

My Brain Book – We are working with an industry partner (IXICO) and people with dementia to develop an electronic information tool to enable people with dementia to create, maintain and own a personalised care and support plan which can be shared with others involved in their care. We have received very positive feedback from people with dementia who have tested the phase one prototype tool as 'proof of concept'. In phase two we are developing the tool further for use in real life settings, and working with the Alzheimer's Society to design the facilitation function.

Improving patient experience – we are using a feedback platform, Patient Opinion, to obtain stories from people with dementia and their carers about their experience of local services. We are using these stories to celebrate good care, and identify opportunities for service improvement

South London Care and Nursing Homes Network – we are hosting this network of 390 care providers and approximately 700 homes to disseminate innovation and best practice in the sector, and provide a support network for smaller care home providers

Early detection of dementia in care homes – we are working with local care homes and Kingston University and St George's University of London to develop a dementia detection tool for use by care workers to identify people for further assessment.

Dementia awareness in care homes - we are working with Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust to spread Barbara's Story, an innovative dementia training programme, to care and nursing homes.

Peer support – we are developing a resource pack for commissioners and funding organisations to help them optimise peer support opportunities in their area, and working with the Alzheimer's Society to support community organisations and groups to make their services more dementia friendly.