



**Derby & Derbyshire Dementia
Strategy 2025 -2030
ENGAGEMENT
Setting the Priorities**



Introduction

The Joined up Care Derbyshire Dementia & Delirium Partnership are beginning the process of speaking to people in Derby & Derbyshire about dementia.

What do we want to find out?

We want to know if the current priorities in the Dementia Strategy should remain the same and if there are any new priorities we need to consider?

We are mindful that there is only so much money to deliver this support and want to ensure that we understand **what is most important to, and for the people of Derby & Derbyshire.**

We want to hear from as many people as possible, people who are living with dementia, their carers and people who work in dementia health and care services in Derby & Derbyshire, as these are the people the strategy is for.

Your opinion matters!



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Current Priorities:

	System Priority
1	Ensure the people of Derbyshire have information about dementia and are aware of ways in which they can minimise their risk of developing dementia
2	Deliver services that diagnose in a timely manner so that people can access support, make decisions and plan for living with dementia
3	Ensure all staff that work in the health and social care sector have the information, knowledge and skills required to meet the needs of people living with dementia wherever they receive care
4	Ensure care for people living with dementia is well coordinated and integrated
5	Improve access to, and quality of, treatment and support following diagnosis, for people living with dementia and their carers
6	Continue to build communities where dementia is understood and people living with dementia are included, respected and supported
7	Ensure more people with dementia have an advance plan of care that describes their wishes for the future
8	Tailor services to meet the needs of different, and diverse community groups

We use the National Framework to guide the services we offer

Preventing well

Helping people to reduce their risk of developing dementia.

Diagnosing Well

People are accurately diagnosed in a timely manner.

Supporting Well

People living with dementia, and their carers, have access to high quality health & care services.

Living Well

People living with dementia can live normally in safe & accepting communities.

Dying Well

People living with dementia die with dignity in a place of their choosing.

Key National Targets and Guidance

- 67% of people with dementia are diagnosed.
- Improve risk reduction awareness raising.
- More people living in care homes are diagnosed.
- More people have an advance care plan, saying what their wishes are going forward.
- More people are supported to go home from hospital without delay.
- More people in caring roles are supported.
- The care people receive is joined up and accessible.
- Variation in services and access to services is reduced.
- Increasing appropriate and accessible accommodation.
- Increasing the awareness and utilisation of Assistive Technology.
- Treatment and care is based on best research and developments.

We spoke to the people of Derby and Derbyshire in 2019 and this is what they told us:

It is important to be diagnosed as early as possible.

One size doesn't fit all

Advance care plans are important and should be discussed more often

It is so important to have support once you're diagnosed, and information as you need it.

Good training for all staff is vital

Carers should be recognised and have more support

Health and social care should work better together

People in local communities need to know more about dementia, and what it's like to live with dementia

Younger people living with dementia need tailored support

There should be more information about how to reduce the risk of dementia

Challenges to consider

- Raising awareness of Risk Reduction continues to be a key challenge and we need to constantly refresh our approach to this.
- A 20% increase in number of people in Derbyshire living with dementia.
- Demand for all services is extremely high and waiting times are growing.
- The proportion living with severe dementia is 58% – that's more than 8,400 people in Derby & Derbyshire
- Most people living with dementia also have other health conditions, some have several other conditions.
- Younger people with Dementia and those from black, asian and minority ethnic communities continue to face challenges accessing appropriate support.



Challenges to consider

- People living with dementia stay twice as long in hospital.
- Carers of people living with dementia should have more support options.
- The current financial situation and impact on public services.
- There has been a 17% reduction in care home places, particularly beds with nursing care.
- Workforce issues in Health and Social Care continue to impact on quality and availability of services.
- Lack of investment in appropriate accommodation schemes for people living with Dementia and their carers.



Achievements over the last 5 years

- Memory Assessment Services increased capacity and Derby & Derbyshire are above the National target rate for diagnosis.
- We have increased the number of people in care homes who have a diagnosed dementia, and improved care plans, including advance care plans.
- Dementia Support Services have increased capacity to respond to 40% more referrals.
- We are working to improve accessibility of dementia services for members of the deaf and hard of hearing communities.
- More dementia specialist nurses are working in acute hospital services.
- We improved integration of care approaches between primary care, care homes and specialist dementia community teams.



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- We have a Dementia Palliative Care Service across the County & City.
- Our team developed a National NHSE Toolkit for Dementia Palliative Care.
- Practices across the High Peak have worked together to develop a team of Dementia workers who support patients, carers and allied professionals throughout the dementia journey
- Team-Up Derby City service has specialist dementia nurses to support people living with dementia and their carers.
- Training in end-of-life care and dementia, Advance care planning and diagnosing late-stage dementia have been developed and delivered.
- The partnership of organisations working for and with people living with dementia has been expanded.



Achievements over the last 5 years

- A new Pre-diagnosis support project focused on people worried about their memory, awaiting diagnosis provides important support.
- We have a diagnosis rate of 90% in younger people living with dementia, significantly higher than the National average, and are developing young onset Dementia projects in Derbyshire and Derby City to provide more flexible, tailored support.
- We have improved links to National support groups for young onset and rare dementias.
- We introduced virtual education sessions for carers providing information on a range of important topics related to caring for someone with Dementia.
- We improved the Delirium in Dementia Awareness Training package to make it more accessible.





Please share your feedback with us!

All our services are very important, and we need your help to ensure we make the best use of the resources we have.

You can share your opinion by completing the following online survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s46aQhAyGk6qomzN4N2rxBUqY3pJ3S1KqweYJJ1q3cBUQIUzODIVTDRaRjI3TVBCMk8wU0dPVUNTSC4u>

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Your time is appreciated and all feedback will be used to set the 2025-30 Priorities.