

Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group

Dementia - An Ashford CCG Perspective

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Dementia

- First Ashford CCG dementia engagement event – May 2013.
- Development of dementia task and finish group.
- Scoping of dementia services assessment of current services.
- Identify gaps in services.



What we found out

- There is a wealth of services already available in the Ashford area for dementia.
- We have good availability of dementia cafes and support groups.



Where are the gaps?

Admiral nurses.

Earlier access to diagnosis

Affordable day care for dementia patients.

Information for patients and their carers.

Admiral Nurses

- Admiral nurses linking in with our integrated care teams.
- Business case approved for an increase in admin support to our Admiral nurse to allow more time with families.
- Over the course of the next year, we will assess whether there is a need for additional capacity within the service.



Community Mental Health Teams for Older People

- Alignment of staff from CMHTOP to practices and to integrated care teams to provide support and advice.
- Development of integrated pathways for dementia patients with more diagnosis and support in primary care.

In GP Practices

- Dementia awareness training to all clinical staff.
- Better communication with CMHTOP
- Promote early diagnosis use of Cantab mobile.
- Development of anticipatory care plans.



Dementia Action Alliance

- Ashford CCG has joined the Dementia Action Alliance and is committed to developing a dementia friendly Ashford.
- Working in partnership with other organisations towards this.



Challenges Ahead

- We have made good progress in the last year but there is still lots more to be done.
- Our population is growing and the proportion of older people is increasing.
- What next.....

