

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Adult Social care
<b>Date:</b>	16 January 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Progressing the Older persons Mental Health Strategy in Hampshire : Dementia Advisor Services
<b>Reference:</b>	3552
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adult Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care give approval to go out to tender for a county wide Dementia Advisor Service using part funding from Hampshire PCT. The new contract will be for a period of three years (1+1+1 basis) to commence on 1 October 2012, with an annual cost of £335,000 and total contract value of £1,005,000.
- b) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care give delegated authority to the Director of Adult Services to amend the Section 256 if additional monies become available from the PCT at a future date.
- c) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care agree to the department continuing to engage with the Clinical Commissioning Groups to secure future investment in dementia care services

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. **‘Living well with dementia - a National Dementia Strategy’** was published in February 2009. It set out a vision for transforming dementia services with the aim of achieving better awareness of dementia, early diagnosis and high quality treatment at whatever stage of the illness and in whatever setting.

It outlined 17 key objectives aimed at improving the quality of care received by people with dementia. It also acknowledged a need expressed by people with dementia, their carers and families for *‘someone to be with us on the journey’*

Consequently Objective 3 within the strategy is

**Good quality information for those with diagnosed dementia and their carers** - *Providing people with dementia and their carers with good-quality information on the illness and on the services available both at diagnosis and throughout the course of their care.*

- 2.2 Hampshire County Council and NHS Hampshire are committed to proactive and effective commissioning that will deliver better outcomes for people with dementia, their carers and family. They recognise the need and importance of good quality accessible information and support that will empower people to direct their own care and build resilience in coping with dementia. This information and support will further promote service users independence , minimise the need for unnecessary interventions and assist them with planning for their future needs.
- 2.3 The Dementia Advisor Service will support the delivery of the Joint Hampshire Commissioning Strategy for Older Persons Mental Health. This strategy is underpinned by what older people with mental health needs and their carers told us about how we could improve the delivery of services and support in Hampshire. They told us they wanted choice and control over how they live their lives. In order to do this they require clear accessible information tailored to their individual needs – Dementia Advisor Services provide a mechanism for facilitating access to appropriate care, support, information and advice.
- 2.4 In line with Hampshire County Council Adult Services Department Business Quality Improvement Plan 2011-2012 this service sits at the heart of its commitment to commission services offering advice , information, early intervention and prevention working with health and the voluntary sector. This service will ensure that people receive the support they need earlier thus supporting the departments commitment to ‘ Providing Life Opportunities for all’

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. None.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**16 January 2012**

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care  
Councillor Felicity Hindson**