



## Report to Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Report of:** Policy and Improvement Officer

**Subject:** Written responses to public questions

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**Summary:**

This report provides the Committee with copies of written responses to public questions asked at the Committee’s meeting on 24th July 2019.

The written responses are included as part of the Committee’s meeting papers as the way of placing the responses on the public record.

**Type of item:** The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

**The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

Note the report

**Background Papers:** None

**Category of Report:** OPEN

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## **Response to Andy Shallice, Darnall Dementia Trust**

Thanks for attending the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 24th July. As agreed, I'm writing to provide you with an answer to the question you asked:

*“Now the dementia commissioning strategy for day support services has been abandoned, after already running late, can we assume that the significant flaw of separate strands for supporting people with initial/mild dementia, and those with more advanced dementia – so emphasising continuity of care, will be addressed?”*

As explained at the meeting, the Committee will be considering the Dementia Strategy at its next meeting on the 11th September, and will pick up these issues there, however we have followed up your question with the relevant officers and can provide the following information:

*“It is difficult at this stage to say what the model of support will look like however we decided to review the commissioning of day activities/day care because of feedback received during the procurement process. Since that time we have extended all of the current contracts to give us an opportunity to explore the possibilities for day activities/care and seek the views of individuals and organisations’. We will work with partners such as Healthwatch and the CCG to help facilitate this. Once we have this information we will design a model of support based on people’s views, research and good practice and value for money amongst other things . A market brief with questions will be going out to providers shortly, this will ask opinions on various approaches to providing day care/activities and all providers are urged to complete this”*

This information will be circulated to all members of the Scrutiny Committee, and will be published with the papers for the next meeting

## **Response to Sheila Manclark, Darnall Dementia Trust**

Thanks for attending the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on the 24th July. As agreed, I am writing to provide you with an answer to the question you asked:

*“Following the CCG’s 13 Commitments for dementia in Sheffield, how will the revised SCC dementia strategy support the element of these proposing personalised, local support for people with dementia, and support for families and carers?”*

As explained at the meeting, the Committee will be considering the Dementia Strategy at its next meeting on the 11th September, and will pick up these issues there, however we have followed up your question with the relevant officers, and they have provided the following information:

*“The dementia strategy and its 13 commitments were developed by a multi-agency group of people including people with dementia, their families and practitioners from a number of organisations in the city (e.g. GPs, the teaching hospitals, the Council, CCG and voluntary sector). The group who will drive the strategy forward and oversee its implementation is also a multi-agency group to ensure there is accountability for its progress in achieving the aims.*

*The next stage for the strategy is to develop action plans which will meet each of the priority commitments. We have already started this process, mapping what is already happening in the city, and how we will ensure the commitments are met. We know there is already a lot of good practice around the city providing tailored and local support to individuals and their families and we would like to capture this good practice but also identify where there are gaps. To do this we will need further conversations with individuals, their families and local organisations. This should happen over the next 12 months.*

*There is also a commissioning plan for dementia which has been running alongside the strategy development. It is due to be refreshed in 2020 and we are working on a Joint Commissioning Plan with the CCG, who have agreed our approach. In the meantime we have made significant investment into local community based partnership organisations throughout the city who are now starting to develop dementia cafes, information and advice sessions, community group activities amongst many other things. These have all been tailored to the people living in those communities and will be monitored to ensure their success.”*

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