



## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### Summary

The Dementia Friendly Barnet Partnership was established in 2019 by Barnet Council Public Health. The main purpose of the partnership is to collaboratively work towards becoming a dementia friendly borough where people living with dementia (PLWD) are understood, respected and supported.

Following a successful submission to Alzheimer's Society, London Borough of Barnet has gained formal accreditation as working to become a Dementia Friendly Community.

The partnership agreed to three key action areas. These are:

1. Dementia Friendly Venues
2. Dementia Friendly Faith Communities
3. Dementia Friendly High Streets

This report provides an update on the recent strategic developments linked to Dementia Friendly Barnet, progress on key action areas, updates on activities to communicate the Dementia Friendly messages across the borough, training and examples of future action.

## Recommendations

**The Board notes and comments on progress towards making Barnet a Dementia Friendly borough.**

### 1. Reasons for the Recommendations

The full progress report is added as Appendix 1. Below are the main highlights:

- 1.1 Recently, there have been several strategic developments to improve the lives of PLWD and their carers. These include:
- 1.2 Chief Medical Officer Annual Report 2023 - The CMO's annual report<sup>1</sup> recommends two complementary approaches to improve the quality of life for older adults. The first is to reduce disease, including degenerative disease, to prevent, delay or minimise disability and frailty. The second is to change the environment so that, for a given level of disability, people can maintain their independence longer. Dementia Friendly Barnet contributes to this by not only promoting risk reduction and prevention messages and healthier lifestyle choices, but also by addressing the environment by promoting Dementia Friendly Venues.
- 1.3 New Ageing Well Workstream – The North Central London (NCL) Integrated Care Board (ICB) has launched the Ageing Well workstream to provide anticipatory care for residents 65yrs+ living in the Borough of Barnet at risk of becoming frail, losing their independence, living with dementia, or requiring support to remain in their own home. Dementia Friendly Barnet is an essential part of this workstream.
- 1.4 Dementia Strategy - Barnet has launched its first Dementia Strategy as it prepares for a large increase in the number of residents living with the condition. Since 2011, Barnet has seen a 9% increase in population size, but an 18.3% increase in the over 65 population<sup>2</sup>. The strategy is designed to help the Council and its partners in the health and voluntary sectors provide more proactive support, maximising people's independence, health, and wellbeing. Dementia Friendly is an integral part of the new strategy.
- 1.5 Age-Friendly Barnet - Age UK Barnet has launched Age-Friendly Barnet to address the structural and social barriers to ageing well in Barnet by using the World Health Organization's framework for Age-Friendly Communities. There are significant overlaps between the dementia and age-friendly work. We are in the process of aligning action plans to strengthen action and avoid duplication.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chief-medical-officers-annual-report-2023-health-in-an-ageing-society>

<sup>2</sup> [Barnet population change, Census 2021 – ONS](#)

- 1.6 The NCL ICB accreditation scheme - The NCL ICB has invited dementia friendly leads from all five NCL boroughs to improve collaboration and strengthen dementia friendly initiatives. Sadly, the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friendly Communities recognition scheme will come to an end on 31 December 2023. The group has therefore agreed to create an NCL-wide Dementia Friendly Accreditation scheme with a view to launch in April 2024.
- 1.7 As the number of people living with dementia in Barnet increases, we have a responsibility to ensure that our communities are accepting and supportive; and ensure that people feel included and valued. People affected by dementia still have an incredible amount to offer to their community. Dementia Friendly Barnet in collaboration with the Age Friendly Agenda will continue to address environmental factors which can help in reducing the risk of dementia as well as creating an environment conducive to living well with dementia. By doing so, PLWD can continue to play an active and valuable role even years after diagnosis and stay independent.
- 1.8 We therefore ask the Board to note progress and continue to support the work towards becoming a dementia friendly borough.

## **2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended**

- 2.1 This is a progress report on a project previously agreed by HWBB, therefore no alternative recommendations were considered.

## **3. Post Decision Implementation**

- 3.1 The Dementia Friendly Barnet Partnership will develop a refreshed action plan to be implemented.

## **4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations**

### **Corporate Plan**

- 4.1 The Corporate Plan priorities supporting Dementia Friendly include "*Living Well*" under the key area "*Caring for People*". This area suggests "*increasing the inclusion of older and disabled residents and celebrating their contributions*".
- 4.2 Dementia Friendly sits under Key Area 2 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Starting, Living and Ageing Well).

### **Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures**

- 4.3 The nature of the work is such that we are working towards making Barnet a dementia friendly borough and therefore there are no set KPIs in place. However, we are monitoring the number of dementia friends in the borough, the number of people who attended the training programme, and the number of venues accredited as Dementia Friendly.

### **Sustainability**

- 4.4 Actions to implement the Dementia Friendly agenda are currently funded within existing budgets and staffing of the public health department, other council departments, and

partner agencies such as Voluntary and Community sector organisations who are funded from diverse sources.

### **Corporate Parenting**

4.5 Not applicable

### **Risk Management**

4.6 Work towards becoming a dementia friendly borough requires a collaborative approach and effort across the multi-agency Dementia Friendly Barnet Partnership to improve the lives of PLWD in Barnet. If the council or partners do not engage with this work, it may lead to poor overall delivery of the Action Plan 24-25. This could have a negative impact on the lives of PLWD and their carers as well as an increased demand on care services.

The following controls and mitigations are in place:

4.5.1 The Action Plan will be co-produced and co-owned by the multi-agency Dementia Friendly Barnet Partnership. Each partner has committed actions to strengthen dementia awareness and support within their organisations as well as offering their expertise and specialist knowledge to the partnership.

4.5.2 Continuous engagement with people affected by dementia to ensure that their views, needs and wants are reflected in the plans going forward.

4.5.3 The Dementia Friendly Barnet Partnership meets regularly to re-engage partners, align activities, and implement changes based on new insights.

4.5.4 Regular monitoring against agreed actions will be built into the process by collecting regular updates from partners.

4.5.5 Annual progress reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **Insight**

4.7 Public Health conducted a needs assessment for dementia which has informed the Dementia Strategy. However, the main insight came from the engagement with people affected by dementia, their carers and people who provide care. The insight gathered from listening to individuals is embedded within the Dementia Friendly Action Plan.

### **Social Value**

4.8 The Dementia Friendly Action Plan fully supports the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy social value framework.

## **5. Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)**

5.1 Actions to implement the Dementia Friendly agenda are funded within existing budgets and staffing of the public health department, other council departments, and partner agencies such as Voluntary and Community sector organisations who are funded from diverse sources and for a wide range of purposes.

## **6. Legal Implications and Constitution References**

6.1 Under the Council's constitution, Part 2B of the Terms of Reference & Delegation of Duties to Committees and Sub-Committees, the Health and Wellbeing Board has the following responsibilities:

- To jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners and use the findings of a Barnet Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to inform all relevant local strategies and policies across partnership including North Central London Integrated Care Strategy.
- To agree a Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) for Barnet taking into account the findings of the JSNA and strategically oversee its implementation to ensure that improved population outcomes are being delivered.
- To work together to ensure the best fit between available resources to meet the health and social care needs of the whole population of Barnet, by both improving services for health and social care and helping people to move as close as possible to a state of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing.
- Specific responsibilities for overseeing public health and promoting prevention agenda across the partnership.

## **7. Consultation**

7.1 Not applicable for this report.

## **8. Equalities and Diversity**

8.1 The diversity of the Dementia Friendly Partnership ensured focus on certain communities who may be underserved.

## **9. Background Papers**

None.