

## Policy Briefing on the Scottish Government's National Dementia Strategy: 2013 – 2016

**Report to:** Board  
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### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To note the attached policy briefing on the Scottish Government's National Dementia Strategy: 2013 – 2016.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

1. Notes the National Dementia Strategy: 2013 – 2016, as published by the Scottish Government.
2. Notes the content of the policy briefing on the National Dementia Strategy: 2013 – 2016.
3. Notes that a paper on the Care Inspectorate's response and the implications for inspections is to be developed and taken forward to the Strategy and Performance Committee.

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**Version Control and Consultation Recording Form**

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1.0	Senior Management	AB		
	Legal Services			
	Resources Directorate			
	Committee Consultation (where appropriate)			
	Partnership Forum Consultation (where appropriate)			

**Equality Impact Assessment**

To be completed when submitting a new or updated policy (guidance, practice or procedure) for approval.

Policy Title:

Date of Initial Assessment:

EIA Carried Out

YES

NO

If yes, please attach the accompanying EIA and briefly outline the equality and diversity implications of this policy.

If no, you are confirming that this policy will have no negative impact on people with a protected characteristic and a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Launched on 3 June 2103, the Scottish Government's 'National Dementia Strategy: 2013 – 2016' is the second three year strategy for improving standards in dementia care in Scotland.

The strategy highlights three key challenges over the lifespan of the strategy and sets out how the Scottish Government will seek to address these:

- Ensuring that all care and support to people with dementia and their families and carers promotes wellbeing and quality of life, protects their rights and respects their humanity.
- Services and support from diagnosis, and throughout the course of the illness, including supporting the needs of carers, must continue to improve. This support must be truly person centred, and should understand care and support from their perspective, not the perspective of service managers or clinicians.
- The redesign and transformation of services must continue to be adequately supported to ensure that services are delivered effectively and efficiently.

Within the document the Scottish Government makes 17 headline commitments on improving the standards of care received by people with dementia, their families and carers.

### **1.1 Areas of Interest to the Care Inspectorate**

The National Dementia Strategy: 2013 – 2016 sets out the forthcoming work of the Scottish Government and its partners in improving the quality of care for people with dementia.

The document is divided into a number of sections, each relating to one or more of the Scottish Government's 17 headline commitments. Of most relevance to the Care Inspectorate are the sections on:

- Rights-based care
- Alzheimer Scotland's Eight Pillars Model of Community Support
- Housing Support
- Dementia in Care Homes
- Reducing inappropriate prescribing of psychoactive medications
- Digital Platform
- Support Activity
- Providing Post Diagnostic Support
- Alzheimer Scotland's Five Pillars of Support

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- Promoting Excellence Framework
- Integration outcomes
- National Care Home Task Force

The strategy makes reference to a National Task Force that has been established on the future of residential care in Scotland, examining at a strategic level the key purpose and desired structure of residential care services. The Task Force will produce a report with recommendations as to how to give effect to the reforms sought by autumn 2013. A strategy will then be drawn up and consulted on 2013/2014. Dr Robert Peat, Director of Inspection is a member of this group.

In addition, The strategy has a considerable focus on the standards of dementia care in acute settings, including a 10-point National Action Plan to support the implementation of the 'Standards of Care for Dementia in Scotland' published in 2011.

## **1.2 Scrutiny**

The Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) are not mentioned in the strategy.

The strategy contains few references to regulatory activity, although it states that an Implementation and Monitoring Group will monitor and report on the implementation of the second strategy, as it did with the first. The group is chaired by the Scottish Government and includes representatives of key stakeholders from the statutory, voluntary and private sectors, the scrutiny bodies, as well as people who have dementia, their families and carers.

In addition, performance monitoring in relation to the strategy is described as involving a combination of monitoring the implementation of the post-diagnostic HEAT target, scrutiny, implementation of the dementia standards, and publishing dementia benchmarking data.

Currently it is unclear as to the role of the Care Inspectorate in monitoring and reporting the implementation of the dementia standards, either in a direct care setting or at a strategic level.

## **2.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Promoting Excellence Framework is carried forward in the second strategy. The Care Inspectorate, in collaboration with NHS Education Scotland (NES) and the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) are developing bespoke dementia training for all regulatory staff. The training package itself is funded by the SSSC and NES however; the Care Inspectorate will need to absorb the cost of releasing staff to complete this training.

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**3.0 BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE WHO USE SERVICES AND THEIR CARERS**

The 'National Dementia Strategy 2013 – 2016' provides a strategic direction for the future of dementia care in Scotland. By responding in a timeous manner to the publication, the Care Inspectorate can ensure that we continue to operate based on the most current policy and evidence base possible.

By recognising the implications of the strategy, the Care Inspectorate can provide assurances that it is working to ensure that the rights, dignity and safety of people using care services are upheld. In addition, the organisation can clearly demonstrate how our activities fit within the strategic framework of improving care for people with dementia.

**4.0 CONCLUSION**

The direction of travel in the National Dementia Strategy: 2013 – 2016 will directly influence the way in which the Care Inspectorate carries out its inspection and improvement functions in the coming years.

The policy briefing, attached in the appendix, highlights the sections of the strategy which are of greatest relevance to the Care Inspectorate.

**LIST OF APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1 -** Policy briefing on the Scottish Government's National Dementia Strategy: 2013 – 2016

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