

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Report Title: NOMINATION FOR THE NHS INNOVATION CHALLENGE PRIZE FOR DEMENTIA

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1. SUMMARY

Innovation Challenges reward innovative healthcare practices and ideas that have already demonstrated a positive impact in a local context where they have been implemented, tried and tested but which have not yet received wider recognition. They are time-limited, so there are set dates for the entry and award process. They focus on finding solutions which improve both quality and productivity.

The integrated team working with people with dementia has nominated the project that has been working within Bromley Care Homes. The nomination is about bringing together health and social care agencies into more effective communication around people with challenging behaviour in dementia.

It uses existing ideas to create an individualised practical working document and allows for a stepped care approach. Through the systematic investigation of the attempt to communicate by the person with dementia, the carer can make more effective and efficient use of resources for the person with dementia. Meanwhile the person will benefit from an appropriate intervention which is person centred and based on the knowledge that the carer has built up through their relationship with that person.

The application is attached as appendix 1 and the outcomes report is attached as appendix 2.

2. REASON FOR REPORT GOING TO HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

This report is for information only as an example of an integrated approach to providing services for people with dementia. This area was identified as a priority area in the JSNA and is monitored as priority of the current Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

3. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

This is an information item only which shows one example of an integrated approach.

Health & Wellbeing Strategy

1. Related priority: Dementia, Supporting Carers

Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not applicable
 3. Total savings (if applicable):
 4. Budget host organisation: Not applicable
 5. Source of funding: Not applicable
 6. Beneficiary/beneficiaries of any savings: Not applicable
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Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

4. COMMENTARY

The Innovation Challenge Prizes exist to reward innovative healthcare practices and ideas that have demonstrated a positive impact in the local context where they have been implemented, but which have not yet received wider recognition. The Prizes will be awarded for innovations that respond to the specific challenges set, and will promote the widespread diffusion of these successful innovations throughout the NHS, and will also foster a culture that encourages the identification, development and spread of innovative ideas.

Innovation is an essential feature in any developing organisation, especially one that combines personal care and technology in such an intricate way, to deliver personally tailored services to every patient. It is all the more important at a time when the NHS has to meet ever-rising demands and improved patient outcomes within tight resource constraints. QIPP (Quality, Innovation, Productivity, Prevention) is at the heart of the NHS's approach to the current economic challenge; the Challenge Prizes aim to positively contribute to the wider QIPP agenda.

Successful applicants will be expected to demonstrate that their innovations have been designed in such a way that they can easily be disseminated or taken up by other NHS organisations. The Challenge Prize website and the award of prizes will draw attention to successful innovations. More generally the pressure on the service to improve quality and productivity, and the move towards commissioning for outcomes, should stimulate innovative practice – whether generated locally or copied from elsewhere.

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