

Enabling and supporting quality improvements in dementia care

# East of England Strategic Dementia Advisory Group

Ensuring positive and impactful dementia commissioning

## Who we are and what we do

The Strategic Dementia Advisory Group for the East of England (SDAG) provides a fully integrated and expert body for advice, transformation and dialogue between partners in dementia care across the region; to enable and support service and quality improvements, and better patient outcomes.

We are drawn from representative stakeholders including services users, commissioners, providers, voluntary sector, care home sector, research and academia.

Our priorities are dementia diagnosis rates and post-diagnostic support.

We work alongside, influence and support the programmes of work of the NHS England Area Teams and Strategic Clinical Networks (SCN), Public Health England, Academic Health Science Networks, Health Education England, Local Authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups, 3rd sector organisations such as the Alzheimers Society, Dementia Allianc- es, and Healthwatch.

Our work for 2014-2016 includes:

- ◆ Supporting commissioners and providers to understand and make optimal use of the new Dementia Prevalence Calculator as a planning and resource tool, and NHS England CQUIN acute care data.
- ◆ Risk management and prevention approaches to dementia.
- ◆ Use of technology such as the patient held Health Fabric App.
- ◆ Supporting medicines management to identify use of ACI and anti psychotics and link this to dementia registers.
- ◆ Sharing good practice via the monthly dementia bulletin of news, resources, research and events.
- ◆ Provision of website, hosted by the SCN, for dementia work in the East of England and quick and easy signposting to resources needed for commissioners and providers.
- ◆ Supporting post-diagnostic work through patient and carer needs projects, and facilitation of dementia information prescriptions
- ◆ Supporting commissioners use the GP Coding Tool to clean up read codes and provide accurate dementia registers



### We want to talk to you, and hear from you.

Sharing good practice and raising awareness of tools, support and provision of expert advice and peer support is key to our work.

If you would like to know more about the SDAG, let us know about your work, outcomes, lessons learned or good news, or arrange a meeting, please contact:

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## Special points of interest:

- Average dementia diagnosis rate in East of England is 43.6%
- Unpaid carers meet 50% of the £23billion that dementia costs the UK each year.
- National media campaign on becoming dementia friendly for individuals and organisations in 2014. See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfrnWrpPg54>
- Consensus statement on risks and prevention factors in dementia issued. See: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(14\)60758-3/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(14)60758-3/fulltext) and <http://www.ukhealthforum.org.uk/who-we-are/our-work/policy/dementia/>
- Medical Research Council, Dementia Research Platform. See: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Ourresearch/ResourceServices/UKDementiasResearchPlatform/index.htm>

## Useful Contacts, Links and Resources

Dementia Prevalence calculator v3: <https://www.primarycare.nhs.uk/default.aspx>

Dementia Partnerships website: <http://dementiapartnerships.com>

GP Coding Tool information: <http://dementiapartnerships.com/resource/dementia-coding-clean-up-exercise/> and <http://dementiapartnerships.com/resource/guidance-on-dementia-coding/>

NHS England quarterly statistics: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/dementia/>

Health Fabric App: <http://www.healthfabric.co.uk/>

Becoming Dementia Friendly—information and training: [http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/documents\\_info.php?documentID=2239](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=2239) ; <http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/> and <http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/>