

**NHS Devon  
Dementia Diagnosis Action Plan 2011-12**

**Improving earlier diagnosis**

The South West has some of the lowest rates nationally for diagnosis of dementia at just over one third.

What we have done and achieved so far:

- A GP clinical lead for dementia was appointed in July 2010. Additional pump priming resource from the SHA has enabled GP protected time to help deliver improved diagnosis rates. This was based on developing the Map of Medicine as a vehicle to improve awareness, knowledge and a clear pathway for dementia diagnosis and care.
- Localised Map of Medicine pathway development commenced. The Map of Medicine offers a knowledge resource that supports clinically-led service improvement. The Map has been shown to improve patient outcomes and lower healthcare delivery costs. A stakeholder event involving 150 people across Devon and Torbay enabled initial mapping of services from diagnosis through to end of life care.
- GP Education programme commenced in conjunction with Map of Medicine development. Anticipated outcomes of the education programme include an expectation of improved rates of diagnosis and use of the Map of Medicine website to support decision making.
- Agreed with Devon Partnership Trust a pilot Memory Assessment service for testing using a revised model.
- Agreed to test use of Devon Access and Referral Team (DART) to access Memory Assessment services.
- Continuation of GP clinical lead role with enhanced capacity for involvement in improving early diagnosis.
- Diagnosis rates are available to all GP practices. The SHA ambition is to deliver recorded incidence at 60% of estimated prevalence by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. Our current performance is 39% - an improvement on our 33% baseline.
- Commenced discussions on the needs of people with a learning disability and dementia

<p>What we plan to achieve in the next twelve months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Complete Map of Medicine pathway by March 2012. To date the pathways have had a clinical focus in their evidence base and intervention, however we are now looking to expand the use to reflect the integration of Health and Social care.</li> <li>● Complete GP Education programme for all 107 Devon practices and assess its impact by March 2012.</li> <li>● Evaluate Memory Assessment pilot for potential roll out November 2011.</li> <li>● Ensure the needs of people with a learning disability and dementia are integrated within the pathway.</li> <li>● Improve access to diagnosis and support for younger people with early onset dementias</li> <li>● Compare memory clinic lists of people diagnosed with dementia with QOF GP registers to ensure everyone diagnosed is on the correct register.</li> </ul>	<p>NHS Devon</p> <p>NHS Devon</p> <p>NHS Devon/DPT</p> <p>NHS Devon/DPT</p> <p>NHS Devon/SHA</p>
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