

Cross Party Group on Dementia

Minutes: June 2018



Seminar Rooms 1 & 2, Y Pierhead
12 noon – 1.15pm, Tuesday 19 June 2018
Chair: Lynne Neagle AM
Topic: Inter-generational care

Present

Lynne Neagle AM (Chair); Suzy Davies AM; Rhun ap Iorwerth AM; Heledd Roberts (for Rhun ap Iorwerth AM); Mandy Jones AM; Julie Price (for Mandy Jones AM); Madeleine Rees (for Jayne Bryant AM)

Sophie Douglas (Alzheimer's Society Cymru – secretariat to the CPG); Sue Phelps (Alzheimer's Society Cymru); Janet Bevan (Cwm Taf UHB); Harriet Collie (Cardiff & Vale UHB); Rosilyn Offord (Cardiff & Vale UHB); Suzanne Duval (Diverse Cymru); Catrin Edwards (Hospice UK); Clair Stevenson (Care & Repair Cymru)

Ceri Higgins, Nigel Hullah, Chris Roberts, Jayne Goodrick (people affected by dementia / volunteers / 3 Nations Dementia Working Group)

Representatives from Griffithstown Primary School, Pontypool – Ceri Pugh - Deputy Headteacher, Charlotte Kembrey - Year 6 teacher, with 10 Year 6 pupils

Chair's welcome and apologies

- **Lynne Neagle AM** welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Apologies: Simon Thomas AM

Feedback from previous meeting

- Correspondence between **Lynne Neagle AM** and the **Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care** – confirmed the inclusion of carers in the Ministerial Advisory Group
- Correspondence between the **Lynne Neagle AM** and **Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services** – gave some clarity around the £10m assigned to delivery of the Dementia Action Plan, however questions remain over the distribution of the Integrated Care Fund:
 - How often will bids need to be submitted?
 - Is the guidance for LHBs sufficiently robust?
 - Will the funding cross-subsidise existing services or be made available for new services?
- The **Dementia Delivery Assurance and Implementation Group (DDAIG)** is meeting for the first time on 26 July, after which the members of the group will feed back to the CPG on any remaining questions around the ICF distribution, which could form the basis of written questions to be tabled by **Lynne Neagle AM**.

Presentation by Griffithstown Primary School

Pupils in Year 6 shared their experiences of 'golden hour' on a Friday afternoon, during which the children visit people affected by dementia in local hospitals and care homes. The whole school are Dementia Friends and have won awards for championing the cause.

Q&A

- **Nigel Hullah** thanked the school for their efforts and celebrated that there is a generation of younger people who 'get it' when it comes to understanding dementia
- **Sue Phelps** asked the children whether it was scary, which they agreed it was initially – however as one young lady put it, 'they are still people' and it wasn't scary once they had met the people with dementia and made friends with them
- **Jan Bevan** praised the children for their developing interest in working in healthcare
- **Suzy Davies AM** encouraged the children to consider the variety of careers they could pursue to help people with dementia
- **Mandy Jones AM** shared some of her personal experience and thanked the children for supporting people in hospital
- **Ceri Higgins** suggested linking with the new Youth Parliament to ensure the younger generations in Wales become more aware of dementia
- **Ceri Pugh** highlighted a conference taking place w/c 25 June in Malpas, with over 500 delegates representing schools in South East Wales, encouraging more intergenerational projects
- **Rhun ap Iorwerth AM** asked the children whether they tell their friends about their time with people affected by dementia, one pupil explained that her aunt is also a teacher trying to initiate a similar project in another school, and another shared how she has encouraged her cousin to do the same.

AOB

- **Catrin Edwards** highlighted that the CPG on Hospices and Palliative Care is launching its inquiry report on 11 July – details to be circulated with the minutes
- **Nigel Hullah** distributed copies of the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust's language guide for staff, praised their approach to involving people with dementia throughout the development of the guide and the Trust's commitment to supporting people with dementia
- **Sophie Douglas** highlighted Alzheimer's Society Cymru's campaign to get all 60 AMs to become Dementia Friends (currently 35 out of 60), and a joint report with the Welsh Language Commissioner on the provision of support and services through the medium of Welsh across the nation, due to be published later this year, and hosting an event at the Eisteddfod in August – details will be circulated to the group.

Actions agreed

- **Lynne Neagle AM** to write to WAST to commend their work supporting people with dementia and commitment to improving services, and **Group Members** to raise it in the Siambur

- **Lynne Neagle AM** to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services and the Cabinet Secretary for Education, asking for an update on the following action with the DAP:

Publicise and actively encourage educational settings to use the “Creating a Dementia Friendly Generation” resources developed by the Alzheimer’s Society to build intergenerational understanding and awareness (baseline number: September 2017 and annual review thereafter).

- **Lynne Neagle AM** to table written questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services asking for further clarification on the distribution of the ICF (depending on feedback from the DDAIG)
- It was agreed that the group will consider opportunities to connect with and influence the Youth Parliament for Wales (**Lynne Neagle AM** and **Rhun ap Iorwerth AM** highlighted the opportunities for ‘supporter organisations’ to nominate members, and **Suzy Davies AM** clarified that the group would need to lobby the Youth Parliament to put dementia on its agenda)
- It was agreed that the group will explore the opportunity to conduct a formal inquiry into hospital care for people with dementia in the autumn – terms of reference to be discussed in October 2018 meeting.

Dates of future meetings

- Tuesday 9 October 2018 – Seminar Rooms 1 & 2, Y Pierhead
- Tuesday 4 December 2018 – Seminar Rooms 1 & 2, Y Pierhead
- Tuesday 5 March 2019 – Seminar Rooms 1 & 2, Y Pierhead
- Tuesday 11 June 2019 – Seminar Rooms 1 & 2, Y Pierhead