

Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin

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Older People & Dementia

Good News

Age UK Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin have just been informed by Shropshire Council that its Core funding which pays for its 40 preventative day-centres will continue into 2017, this also includes funding for its HQ services and for much of its Living Well “keep active” project. News of core funding from Telford & Wrekin Council is still awaited. However Age UK has an annual deficit of £100K which is being addressed. Age UK STW has a Board and a Finance & Audit Committee, Services Committee and Income & Communications Committee. A new Income Generation Officer has been appointed to Contact companies, donors, solicitors etc.

Mixed News

Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group have announced funding for Dementia and related services from the **Alzheimer’s Society and Age UK STW**

Lost Services

- **Telford Peer Support** – this service was provided by Alzheimer’s and Admiral Nurses and will end in April – attempts will be made to signpost to other services
- **Connective Stimulation** – Run by the Alzheimer’s Society this was a 2 year programme but with some duplication with the Memory Service. It is hoped that the Cog Sim service which helps carers to stimulate loved ones will be able to continue.
- **Contact Officer for Dementia** – This service based at MPH has been cut but there is some T&WC funding to September – this was an Age UK STW service.
- **Dementia Befriending Scheme (Age UK STW)** this service has closed but also was finding it difficult to attract volunteers.

Changed Service

- **Wellington Dementia Centre** - This will become a new Age UKSTW Diamond Drop in Centre (funded from an Age UK STW Appeal). The Alzheimer Society will however now support all Diamond Drop In’s.

Continuing Services

- **Dementia Support Services** – This is an Alzheimer One to One service with Admiral Nurse support (but with reduced funding).
- **Newport Support Group** – Alzheimer’s Society support for carers and clients
- **Singing for the Brain** – A monthly Alzheimer’s group
- **Crisp Education & Training** – Alzheimer’s providing 7 programmes
- **Age UKSTW Diamond Drop Ins** – In Ketley and Dawley and in June opening in Donnington

Finances

The net effect of the changes by the CGG has reduced a £148,000 budget to £110,000 with £100,000 next year.

Health Economy Steering Group

The Health Economy Steering Group is supposed to be meeting to hold a workshop on its future but this seems to have been delayed. Both Age UK STW and the Alzheimer's Society have asked the Group to review the Dementia Strategy in the light of the changes above.

Dementia Friends

On the 29th April a day event is being held at the Glebe in Wellington to encourage Dementia Friends organised by the Alzheimer's Society

Dementia Carers Providers Forum

The Forum planned for 4th June will now be held in later June – dates are being canvassed