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## Alzheimer's Society grant agreement 2020/21

### Executive Summary

- 1.1 ICB members are asked to approve a 12 month HMR CCG grant to the Alzheimer's Society for the coming financial year 2020/21 for £156,002.
- 1.2 12 month grants have been issued to The Alzheimer's Society since September 2016. The grant agreement supports the provision of the post diagnostic support for people diagnosed with dementia in HMR.
- 1.3 The overarching aim of the service is to ensure that all people with dementia and their carers live well with dementia in line with the values enshrined within "Living well with dementia"
- 1.4 To achieve these aims the CCG commissions the Alzheimer's Society to provide Dementia Advisors, a Side by Side service and Wellbeing cafes for Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale residents

### Recommendation

- 2.1 **Option 2** – Approval is given to re-issue the grant agreement for 12 months at the same funding level as 19/20 dependent on NHS England guidance.

### Reason for Recommendation

- 3.1 The grant will support continuation of post diagnosis dementia services to the residents of HMR living with dementia and their carers.

- 3.2 The Alzheimer's Society will introduce Dementia Connect in HMR in line with the priorities set out in the NHS Long term plan and gives Rochdale the opportunity to be one of the first places in the country to "go live" with this service.
- 3.3 The service delivered by the grant supports the CCG and RBC to deliver its priorities for dementia in line with the GM project Dementia United and priorities identified locally by the local Dementia Partnership steering group.

### **Key Points for Consideration**

#### **The services the contact delivers**

- 4.1 The aims of service are reinforced by The NHS Long term plan which states that in supporting people to age well "We will continue working closely with the voluntary sector, including supporting the Alzheimer's Society to extend its Dementia Connect programme which offers a range of advice and support for people following a dementia diagnosis".
- 4.2 The Dementia Advisors are based in the Pennine Care Memory Assessment service and form part of the dementia diagnosis and post diagnosis pathway and offer ongoing advice, information and support to people living with dementia and their carers.
- 4.3 The Side by Side service links people living with dementia to volunteers so they can keep doing the things they want to do.
- 4.4 There are three Wellbeing Cafes established in Milnrow, Heywood and Middleton for people to meet up with others who have similar issues and concerns. Guest speakers from various organisations are invited to the cafes to provide information on the help and support they can provide.
- 4.5 The Alzheimer's Society have developed an enhanced service offer through their Dementia Connect service providing a new personalised support service that puts people in touch with Dementia Advisers via telephone or online. Rochdale will be one of the first places in the country to go live with this new service and is on track to start delivery from April 2020. The provider has confirmed that this enhanced offer will be provided to HMR at the same cost as the current provision.

#### **Performance and outcomes**

- 4.6 The Alzheimer's Society have been providing a service in HMR since September 2016 via grant agreements using the NHS England grant agreement template.

4.7 Commissioners have a high level of confidence in the current delivery of the service. Whilst there are no Key Performance Indicators in line with the requirements of issuing NHS grant agreements, quarterly activity monitoring is provided demonstrating that the services are well utilised. Feedback from people using the service is also provided to commissioners and this is overwhelmingly positive.

#### 4.8 Options considered

- **Option 1** – Do nothing. The grant agreement will end on 31 March 2020 and the service ends. This would leave the residents of HMR with no access to these dementia post diagnostic support services.
- **Option 2** – Re-issue the grant agreement for 12 months at the same funding level as 19/20 dependent on NHS England guidance.

#### Costs and Budget Summary

5.1 The value of the grant for 2019/20 is £156,002. It is proposed that this level of funding remains the same for 2020/21 dependent on NHS England guidance.

#### Risk and Policy Implications

6.1 The NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan 2019/20 – 2023/24 sets out the opportunities for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector leadership in delivery and implementation. The plan states that “The VCSE also plays an essential role in the delivery of LTP ambitions.” The issuing of a further one year grant will support the aims of the long term plan.

6.2 If the Alzheimer’s Society are not issued with funding via a grant they will not be able to deliver the Dementia Connect service which has been identified as a priority in the NHS Long term plan for Supporting people to age well.

#### Consultation

7.1 The provider consults with services users to improve the service in line with feedback.

#### Background Papers

#### Place of Inspection

8.1 There are no background papers

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