

Appendix 5

Dementia Friendly Communities (DFC): Grant Funded Projects

1. 2015/16 DFC Grant Funded Projects

1.1. Dementia Networking and training day in Longfield, Dartford open to local agencies and residents- An event looking at strengthening local networks and working towards the DGS DAAs priorities of 2016 which include:

- Joint working processes – to aid the development of the Dementia Hub
- BME engagement
- Dementia, Delirium and Depression- public awareness of complex issues which may exasperate dementia symptoms
- Plan for Tomorrow but Live for today-public awareness around the issues of legal and financial planning while having capacity

116 people visited the event, of which 13 classified themselves as carers and 5 as having a dementia diagnosis. Also during the day 32 professionals and family carers were able to experience the Virtual dementia tour.

1.2. Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey to open up the school once per term for a themed memory café for local residents, also included were a number of coffee mornings for older lonely and isolated people. This grant has allowed a full year of events and this will be continuing through local fundraising into 2017. Attendees at these events can range from 30-50 persons.

1.3. The Faversham dementia friendly community to fund an arts project between the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School and a local care home.

1.4. Thanet Age UK to provide a dementia awareness day to promote the knowledge and awareness of local services.

1.5. The Deal centre for the retired to run a project around the engagement with taxi drivers giving Deal a dementia friendly mode of transport.

1.6. Involve Maidstone to provide a project looking at outside spaces and dementia, working with the Kent Wildlife Trust

1.7. High Weald Partnership to provide an engagement and gardening project with people with dementia and planters at The Greggs wood surgery.

1.8. Town and Country in Tunbridge wells to provide a catalogue of small pieces of equipment to make life easier for those living with dementia – provided through referrals at a donation cost.

2. 2016/17 DFC Grant Funded Projects (in initiation phase)

1.9. The purchase of an Age simulation suit to encourage empathy and understanding of age related issues within local businesses

- 1.10. The delivery of two 'Hot Potato' Events looking at the issues which people often find controversial or difficult to deal with. The DFC Team have recognised that in relation to local demographic figures there is a disproportional representation of certain protected characteristics within dementia services. To understand better how to remedy these issues, the DFC team have engaged in a series of 'Hot Potato' events. The events consist of presentations, life stories, and workshops with the objective to encourage conversations, facilitate sharing of good practice and generate 'points to consider', all of which will be used to build a tool kit for Kent. Subjects discussed through the days have included Sexuality, Dementia and Disability, Learning Disability, Race, Culture, Language, Religion, Gender, Carers Lives and Emotions, Age and Workforce.
- 1.11. A hydrotherapy and dementia project upcoming in the Tunbridge Wells Area.
- 1.12. A business and local organisation exchange project based in Tonbridge building on the work of the WTBDf symbol.
- 1.13. Maidstone DFC has received a grant to provide training to professionals to better engage local people in the arts and culture activities.
- 1.14. Sevenoaks DFC have received a grant to develop cultural and experience days working with the local national trust.
- 1.15. A grant has been made to AgeUK Canterbury to provide an intergenerational project around the idea of precious postcards.