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# **NORTHERN IRELAND DEMENTIA STRATEGY**

## **CONSULTATION RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**May 2010**

## CONSULTATION RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE

You can respond to the consultation document by e-mail or letter

Before you submit your response, please read Appendix 1 about the effect of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the confidentiality of responses to public consultation exercises.

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**Responses must be received no later than 5pm on Tuesday 31 August 2010.**

I am responding: on behalf of an organisation

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## Background

This dementia strategy is being developed at a pivotal time within the health and social care sector. The ageing of the population throughout the developed world is leading to a continuing increase in numbers of people with dementia and considerable attention is being given to dementia as a major public health issue throughout the developed world.

Within Northern Ireland, the last formal review of DHSSPS policy on dementia was undertaken in 1994. Since then a number of reports and strategy documents on fresh approaches to dementia care and support have been written with much common ground in terms of issues addressed.

A clear strategic direction is essential in order to improve services for people with dementia and for their carers in Northern Ireland. The strategy recognises the need to provide appropriate support to those within our current population who have dementia and their carers. It also recognises the need to prepare for the challenges that lie ahead with anticipated increases in the numbers of people with dementia in the future.

## Purpose

This questionnaire has been designed to support the consultation process relating to the Northern Ireland Dementia Strategy

The questionnaire seeks your views on the Strategy, and should be read in conjunction with the draft Strategy document.

## The consultation questionnaire

The questionnaire can be completed by an individual, health professional, stakeholder or member of the public, or it can be completed on behalf of a group or organisation.

**Improving prevention and delaying the onset of dementia  
(Section 3)**

**Q1. Are all the relevant risk factors identified?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

**Q2. Do you agree with the proposed actions in relation to prevention?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

**Values and principles for dementia service provision (Section 4)**

**Q3. Do you agree that the values and principles proposed in the Strategy give adequate guidance for future service development?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

**Model for supporting people with dementia and their families  
(Section 5)**

**Q4. Is the “Staged Response” model a best practice basis for future service development?**

Yes

No

If you answered "no" to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

### **Raising awareness of dementia (Section 6)**

**Q5. Has the Strategy identified appropriate methods or means to raise awareness of dementia?**

Yes

No

If you answered "no" to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

### **Early recognition, assessment and diagnosis (Section 7)**

**Q6. Do you agree that memory services adhering to the principles in Table 4 would improve the experience of people with dementia?**

Yes

No

If you answered "no" to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

**Q7. Do you agree that, where needs are complex, specialist services should be delivered by a regional centre?**

Yes

No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

Each complex needs case requires individual evaluation. Specialist care and support should be put in place in accordance with those identified needs. This should, where appropriate, be locally based and not necessarily delivered by a regional centre.

### **Supporting People with Dementia (Sections 8 to 10)**

**Q8. Do you agree that the key service issues facing people with dementia and their families have been identified?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

The key service issues should be summarised within section 8.

**Q9. Do you agree that the proposed actions in these sections are appropriate and achievable?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

### **Support for carers (Section 11)**

**Q10. Are the proposed actions to support carers acceptable?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

### **Legislative change (Section 12)**

**Q11. Do you agree that the proposed new capacity legislation will provide appropriate powers and protections for people with dementia and their families?**

Yes

No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

### **Promoting research**

**Q 12. Will the proposed scope of the research support identified in this strategy provide a strong foundation for the future?**

Yes

No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

## **Implementation (Section 14)**

**Q13. Is the proposed HSC Board/PHA group, independent of the HSC Bamford Taskforce, the most effective means to monitor progress?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

**Q14. Do you agree with the proposed funding priorities at paragraph 14.7?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

## Equality implications

**Q 15. Are the policy proposals for the Northern Ireland Dementia Strategy likely to have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity on any of the nine equality groups identified under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998?**

Yes  No

If you answered “yes”, please state the group or groups and provide details of any supporting qualitative or quantitative evidence.

**Q 16. Have the needs of the Section 75 categories been fully addressed in the proposals?**

Yes  No

If you answered “no” to this question please outline the reasons for your answer.

**Q 17. Is there an opportunity for the policy to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations?**

Yes  No

If you answered “yes” to this question please give details as to how.

The application of the policies contained within the strategy should in themselves promote equality of opportunity and good relations.

**Further Comments?**

**Please use the box below to insert any further comments, recommendations or suggestions you would like to make in relation to the Northern Ireland Dementia Strategy.**

Comments

NIFHA welcomes the development of and the opportunity to comment on the contents of the Northern Ireland Dementia strategy. Many of our members provide homes, care and support to older people. A significant number of these older people currently provide care or are indeed recipients of care for dementia and any strategic or operational initiatives developed on their behalf to improve their wellbeing are always welcome.

**Please return your response questionnaire.  
Responses must be received no later than 5pm on Tuesday 31 August 2010.  
Thank you for your comments.**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONSULTATIONS**

The Department will publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be disclosed on request. The Department can only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances. **Before** you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations and they will give you guidance on the legal position about any information given by you in response to this consultation.

The Freedom of Information Act gives the public a right of access to any information held by a public authority, namely, the Department in this case. This right of access to information includes information provided in response to a consultation. The Department cannot automatically consider as confidential information supplied to it in response to a consultation. However, it does have the responsibility to decide whether any information provided by you in response to this consultation, including information about your identity should be made public or be treated as confidential.

This means that information provided by you in response to the consultation is unlikely to be treated as confidential, except in very particular circumstances. The Lord Chancellor's Code of Practice on the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

The Department should only accept information from third parties in confidence if it is necessary to obtain that information in connection with the exercise of any of the Department's functions and it would not otherwise be provided

the Department should not agree to hold information received from third parties "in confidence" which is not confidential in nature

acceptance by the Department of confidentiality provisions must be for good reasons, capable of being justified to the Information Commissioner

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the Information Commissioner's Office (or see web site at:

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## ***Appendix 2***

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires the Department to “have due regard” to the need to promote equality of opportunity between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation; between men and women generally; between persons with a disability and persons without; and between persons with dependants and persons without. The Department is also required to “have regard” to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of a different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

In keeping with the above statutory obligations and in accordance with guidance produced by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, the Department has carried out a preliminary equality screening exercise to determine if the Northern Ireland Dementia Strategy is likely to have a significant impact on equality of opportunity and should therefore be subjected to an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA). The Department has concluded that an EQIA is not appropriate for a number of reasons including:

- The preliminary screening showed no evidence of adverse impact on the different groups;
- Engagement and consultation with key stakeholders has already been established as a key component in the development of the Northern Ireland Dementia Strategy; and
- The Northern Ireland Dementia Strategy aims to promote equality of opportunity and good relations.

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