

A Healthier Future for Hertfordshire and west Essex – workstream news

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Dementia workstream update

Terms of reference and membership of the dementia workstream were agreed at the meeting on Thursday 2 August. Meetings have been scheduled through to April 2019.

Task and finish groups

Task and finish groups will meet in the coming weeks covering:

- Screening and primary care
- Diagnosis
- The offer for Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)

They will feedback to the October steering group.

In the meantime, new clinical fellow Kate Phillips is to examine the screening tools and NICE pathways and also NICE guidance on diagnosis and to examine the areas of support around social prescribing.

Public Health Consultant Sam Williamson is to undertake a needs assessment for MCI.

Frailty training matrix

The frailty training matrix has been updated.

Communications

As September is World Alzheimer's Month, with the awareness day on Friday 21 September; key messages will be agreed with a call to action for provider organisations.

World Alzheimer's Month

What's your organisation doing?

Hertfordshire County Council is holding staff drop-in events at two sites, Apsley in Hemel Hempstead on Wednesday 19 September, and Stevenage on Friday 21 September. These will include the main contracted organisations for dementia support, Age UK Herts, Carers in Herts and Alzheimer's Society, to raise awareness among all council staff about the support available.

Hertfordshire Libraries are holding Library Dementia Friends sessions:

[Thursday 20 September, 10.30-11.45am, Baldock Library](#)

[Thursday 27 September, 10-11.15am, Welwyn Garden City Central Library](#)

[Friday 28 September, 10.30-11.45am, Hemel Hempstead Central Library](#)

Visit: www.dementiafriends.org.uk or call 0300 123 4049 for more information.

Please let fiona.winspear@nhs.net know what your organisation is doing.

More information

Don't forget, as NHS and local authority leaders from Hertfordshire and west Essex work ever closer together, you can find the latest information about our [Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, known as the STP, here](#).

