Dementia Prevalence and Diagnosis

Over the past few years dementia has been highly publicised within the media with concerns growing over the increasing numbers of people that are and will be living with dementia. In the UK there are approximately 750,000 people in the UK that have dementia and this number is expected to double in the next thirty years. The graph below illustrates what the future prevalence of dementia in Derby City may look like over the forthcoming years.

Source: Projecting Older People Information System

To see what is happening in your locality/practice have a look at the chart below!

Source: QOF 2010/11 Practice Profiles

With the demographic challenges we are facing it is important for both health and social services to plan services for today as well as for the forthcoming coming years.
Dementia Support Service

The Dementia Support Service is a new service which has been commissioned by Derby City Council, with 'Making Space' delivering the service in the City locality. The service is for all people in Derby who are affected by memory problems. Local, specialist advisors will be available to help people with dementia and their carers find information, advice, services and support that they need. Peer support groups have also been developed with Dementia Cafes, Carers Support Groups and a Befriending Service now available across Derby City. The service will also link closely with the Memory Assessment Service to ensure that people are introduced to the Dementia Support Team and get the support they need.

Dementia Cafes are delivered in the following locations:
Alvaston, Chellaston, Chaddesden, Derby City, and Mickleover

Carers groups are delivered in the following locations:
Derby City, Spondon and Littleover

For more details contact the Making Space Dementia Support Service at:
Albany House, Kingsway, Derby DE22 3LZ
Tel: 01332 623 700 extension 3386
E-mail: DerbyCity.Dementia-Service@makingspace.co.uk

Memory Assessment Service

A new specialist memory assessment service is being delivered by Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust.

The new memory assessment service will mean that people who are worried about their memory will be referred by their G.P. to a dedicated memory clinic (Dovedale Day Hospital for Derby City Patients) and be seen by a member of the Community Mental Health Team.

The service also incorporates ‘The Living Well Programme’ which is offered to all people with a recent diagnosis of dementia and who are in the early stages of the condition. Its aim is to help and support people in coming to terms with the diagnosis and to offer some practical advice on living well with dementia. This programme is offered to both the person who has been diagnosed and their carer.

Here are the contact details for your local Older Adults Community Mental Health Team:
Address: Older Adults Community Mental Health Team, Albany House, Kingsway Site, Derby DE22 3LZ
Telephone: 01332 623592

Since the launch of The National Dementia Strategy in 2009 changes have been happening to services in your locality to drive forward service improvement and quality. To find out more keep reading!!!
PILOT
Older Peoples Mental Health Liaison Service

Derbyshire Health Care NHS Foundation Trust has been putting a new service to test ‘The Older Peoples Mental Health Liaison Service’ which has been running as a pilot from Royal Derby Hospital since early December 2011. The service provides expert advice and support on the delivery of good clinical care, care planning and discharge planning for people with suspected organic mental health conditions and functional mental health conditions. The service also contributes in providing a rapid response in determining whether an admission can be avoided which will involve delivering advice on effective discharge arrangements to patients, carers and health and social care professionals.

So far the initial feedback on the service has proven to be positive and at the end of May 2012 we will be evaluating the impact that the service has made.