

GMS Contract 2017/18

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National Clinical Priority B: Dementia

The Welsh Government is committed to creating a dementia friendly Wales, and has signed up to the Glasgow Declaration ¹ affirming its commitment to ensuring that every person with dementia in Wales has:

- *The right to a timely diagnosis.*
- *The right to access quality post diagnostic support.*
- *The right to person centred, co-ordinated, quality care throughout their illness.*
- *The right to equitable access to treatments and therapeutic interventions.*
- *The right to be respected as an individual in their community*

1 in 16 people over 65 years of age, and 1 in 6 people over 80 have dementia, and the numbers are rising. 1 in 3 people alive today will die with dementia. As a major public health priority, it is important that Primary Care teams prioritise the diagnosis, treatment and support given to patients.

Background

The Cluster Network Domain of the Quality and Outcomes Framework in the GMS contract will include Dementia as one of its National Clinical Priorities as an option for clusters to focus upon. Contained within this document is an outline of how the cluster and practices can structure its focus.

Process

It is recommended that the practices within the cluster use the 2013 Wales Mental Health in Primary Care resource 'Managing Dementia in Primary Care Training Resource'², to focus on one or more of three Quality Improvement Toolkits. The resource book should be addressed and will give greater detail regarding the background to the toolkits.

¹ <http://www.alzheimer-europe.org/Policy-in-Practice2/Glasgow-Declaration-2014>

² <https://www.wamhinpc.org.uk/sites/default/files/dementia-resource-book.pdf>

The QI toolkits are as follows:□

1. Dementia Management in Primary Care – Quality Improvement Toolkit (Public Health Wales October 2013) (Toolkit 1)
2. Recognition, Assessment and Referral of Suspected Dementia in Primary Care – Quality Improvement Toolkit (Public Health Wales October 2013) (Toolkit 2)
3. ‘End of Life Care Review’ Case Review Audit (Public Health Wales January 2013) (Toolkit 3)

The resources, link to DVD and to the toolkits are found at the following site:

<http://www.wamhinpc.org.uk/managing-dementia-primary-care-training-materials>

The QI toolkits above suggest an audit of a previous year of activity, if the cluster believes a shorter audit would be required or useful, this could also be acceptable to allow rapid reassessment of changes within one year.

For the toolkit chosen, each **practice** in the cluster will:

1. Use the toolkit to assess their performance in the chosen area of dementia care
2. Have a dedicated meeting within the practice to discuss the findings
3. Develop a practice Quality Improvement Plan for that area of dementia care

Each **cluster** will then:

1. Discuss the shared practice Quality Improvement Plans for dementia care with the other practices in a cluster meeting
2. Develop a Cluster Quality Improvement Plan for dementia care
3. Include this plan in the Cluster Report
4. Review the actions within the plan regularly to ensure progress is made to achieving them

The Cluster QI plans for dementia care will then be reviewed HB level, and support given to address identified actions.