



The Lincolnshire Dementia Partnership

The Vision

Within Lincolnshire we want to ensure people with dementia and their families work with the statutory sector, third sector organisations and service providers because we know that working together is more effective. We will pursue a single unified approach to supporting people with dementia throughout a journey and pathway that is made as positive as possible. This journey will be assisted by a network of support and opportunities that encourage self-support and independence, and provides the right support at the right time.

We believe that this is best achieved by working in a balanced partnership between people, families, professionals, providers and the public, where everyone has a role and where everyone provides all the support that they can, at the right point within a person's journey.

Our vision moves us away from traditional services and a dependence on Adult Social Care and Health services, to a preventative model that is based on individual needs, wellbeing and choice.

The Principles

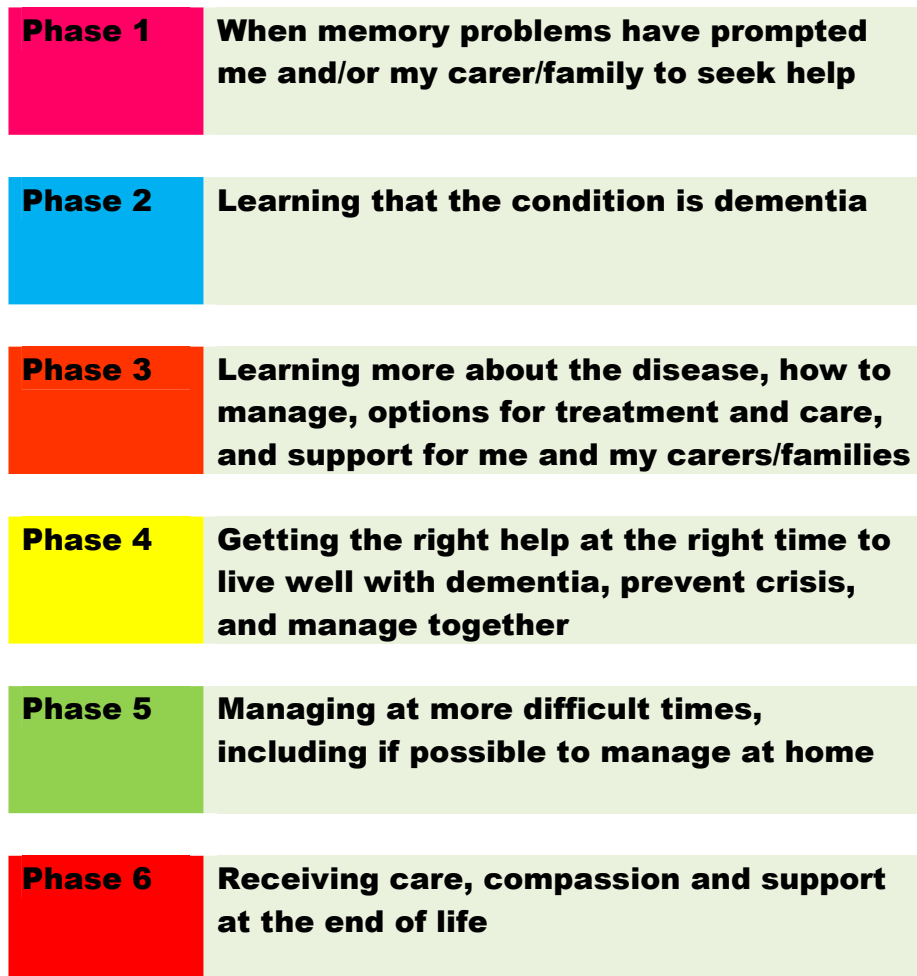
In order to enable a partnership to function appropriately, a set of agreed principles are needed. Our principles are:

- People will live well with dementia in Lincolnshire
- People will remain at home for as long as possible
- We will invest in prevention and intervention
- We will undertake joint commissioning and develop pooled budgets
- We will provide a positive journey and a pathway to navigate that journey
- We will create a sustainable network of services
- We will work together in a trusting, equal partnership
- We will reflect the nature and needs of communities in Lincolnshire

The Journey

We think that we need a pathway that links to the dementia journey that has been developed by Dementia Partnerships UK– laid out in figure 1 below – that creates logical steps that are supportive, responsive and effective.

Figure 1 – The Dementia Journey



<http://www.dementiapartnerships.org.uk/commissioning/models-of-care/the-dementia-journey/>

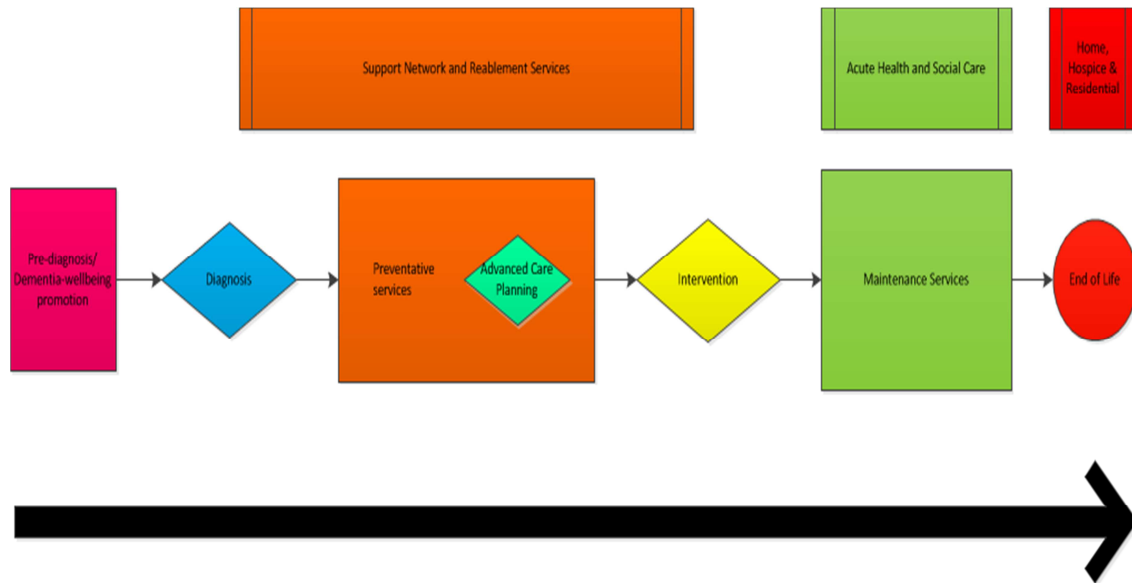
We believe that these phases are understood by people living with dementia, and represent the appropriate points of providing intervention and support.

The Pathway

We see the pathway for people with dementia as being positive, supportive and built on the quality of the relationships we make. Our pathway supports health and well-being prior to a diagnosis of dementia through targeted information, advice and awareness promotion. We see early identification and diagnosis as essential, and backed by a network of support and reablement that will empower people to remain independent, encourage self-support and enable people and their families to care for themselves. We believe that this is possible through the right investment in services and opportunities, appropriate care planning, and the right culture and ethos to care and support that respects and nurtures individuals and their relationships. We know

that targeted intervention and crisis support will enable people to remain at home with less support for longer. We also know that the right support will always be needed at the right time, and we believe in the availability of appropriate, high quality services that are available when they are needed. Our pathway ensures that the best services are in place at the end of life, and that people are able to choose where they die.

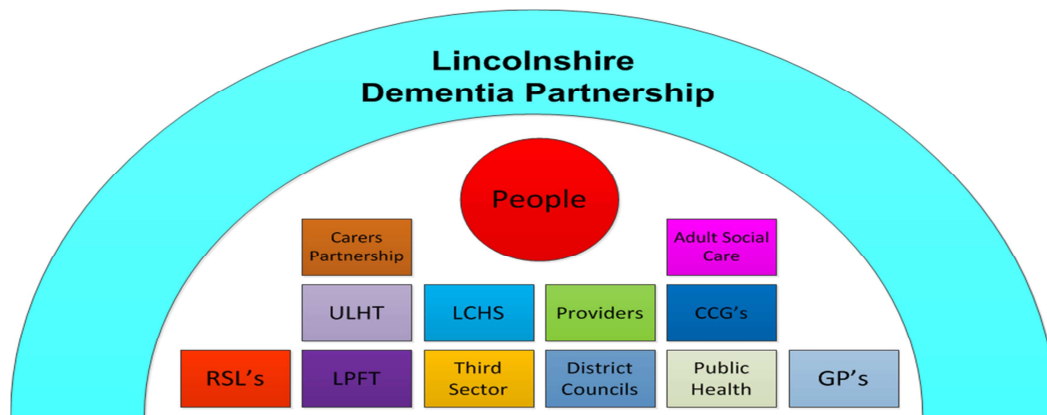
Figure 2 – The Dementia Pathway



The Partnership

We know that there is only one sustainable way that we can achieve our vision for dementia, and that is by working together. This cannot be achieved by one organisation alone, but if we combine resources, efforts, expertise and passion then we can bring about a new way to enable people to live well with dementia in Lincolnshire

Figure 3 – The Lincolnshire Dementia Partnership



The Outcomes

In order to secure a longstanding partnership and to secure a positive result, we agree to a joint set of outcomes:

- Improved public awareness of dementia
- Improved identification and early diagnosis
- Improvement in the quality of diagnosis
- Improved quality of care in hospitals and in the community
- A reduction in the use of anti-psychotic medication
- More people supported away from Adult Social care and Health Services
- Improved and accessible information and to enable people with dementia and carers to plan, manage and live well with dementia
- Reduction in long term care admissions
- Reduction in hospital admissions due to dementia
- Improved customer journey and experience
- Improved support for families/carers that helps preserve relationships
- Improved outcomes at End of Life
- Improved access to alternative care pathways
- Involve people throughout
- Increase self-management

The Actions

In order to deliver these outcomes, we will undertake a number of actions:

- Develop and agree a new dementia Strategy for Lincolnshire in line with the national dementia strategy and local needs
- Develop an action plan to implement the strategy
- Develop a dementia Programme and Programme Board
- Develop a dementia Support Network
- Provision of Intervention and Crisis Support
- Develop integrated approaches to community working for dementia and throughout the journey
- Further develop Dementia Friendly Communities
- Increase the range and diversity of support in consultation with people affected by dementia