The NSW Dementia Services Framework 2010 – 2015

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Overview

- Policy context
- Development of the Framework
- Framework release and promotion
- Implementation process
- Immediate strategies
- Opportunities and challenges
Policy context

- National Dementia Planning
  - National Framework for Action on Dementia 2006-2010
  - National Dementia Pathways Project

- NSW Dementia Planning
  - NSW Action Plan on Dementia 1996-2001
  - Future Directions for Dementia Care & Support 2001-2006
  - NSW Dementia Action Plan 2007-2009
  - NSW Dementia Services Framework 2010-2015
Development process

- NSW Dementia Policy Team
- Dementia Planning Steering Committee
- Expert Advisory Group
- Review of relevant reports and articles
- Links with National Dementia Pathways Project
- Consultation workshops
- Written feedback on public draft
Carer Consultations
Service Provider Consultations
Consultation Feedback

- Supply vs demand for services
- Behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia
- Lack of/delay in diagnosis
- Demand on dementia specific experts/services
- Geographic variation
- Poor care experiences
Service pathway approach

From community awareness & risk reduction . . .
... to palliative care
Framework states:

- Quality dementia care consists of integrated Commonwealth, NSW and jointly funded services and programs across health (primary, aged health, mental health), community, aged and residential care.

- Actions included within the Framework span across both national and state areas of responsibility.

- The next stage for NSW under development is selecting recommendations that align with state responsibilities and the development of an implementation plan.
Key priorities for NSW

- Increase the accessibility to dementia expertise in community
- Improve the identification, treatment and care of people with dementia and delirium in hospitals
- Build capacity and service integration in dementia care at state and local levels
Framework release and promotion

- Launched September 2010 in Dementia Awareness Week
- Joint publication NSW Health and ADHC
- www.health.nsw.gov.au
Implementation

October - December 2010

- Prioritisation, collection of some base case data, business case development, establishment of implementation group

February - May 2011

- First draft of implementation plan submitted, development of evaluation framework, community dementia CNC allocation
Implementation continued

- Submit for budget consideration
- Establish expert advisory group
- Progress immediate strategies
- Integrate with other policy developments
- Communicate with stakeholders
Implementation process

Who?

- State Govt Departments
- NSW Statewide Policy Teams
- Local Health Districts and ADHC regions
- Local Dementia Networks
- Partners and contracted projects

How?

- Investment
- Pilot
- Redesign
- Policy
- Planning
Immediate Strategies

- Some examples
  - Risk reduction
  - Dementia expertise in the community
  - Dementia expertise in hospitals
Dementia Awareness

Reduce your risk of Dementia
Keep your blood pressure in check

healthy heart
healthy mind

21 Sept World Alzheimer’s Day

NSW Government Health

Centre for Health Initiatives

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health Network
Diagnosis, assessment and management - Community dementia CNCs

- Illawarra/Shoalhaven
- South West Sydney
- Western Sydney
- Northern Sydney
- Hunter/New England
- Murrumbidgee
- Northern NSW
- Western NSW
Research into practice: volunteers improving person centred dementia care in a rural hospital

Cath Bateman Greater Southern Area Health Service, NSW

The study aimed to establish and train a group of volunteers in a person centred care approach to supporting people with cognitive impairment and compare outcomes with a control hospital which did not have volunteers.

A prospective cohort study design was used. The dementia delirium hospital volunteer program intervention was established and implemented at Bega Hospital (intervention), a 63 bed rural acute hospital. Patient and staff outcomes were compared simultaneously at Moruya Hospital (control) a 59 bed rural acute hospital which did not have the volunteer program. The outcomes of (n=64) participant volunteers who received the volunteer intervention over six months at Bega Hospital were analysed and compared to a control group of (n=52) participants at Moruya. Additional measures compared staff and volunteer dementia and delirium knowledge and attitudes to people with dementia and post program perception of the program by staff and volunteers at the intervention hospital.
Dementia CNC coverage in NSW

- Dementia/delirium CNCs
- Existing Community CNCs
- New Community CNCs
Immediate strategies – Enablers

Policy, Planning, Evidence
- Framework issued as a guideline
- Dementia Population Planning Model
- Evaluation framework

Education and Training
- Dementia e-learning
- Health Care Interpreter training
- 14 Essentials for Good Dementia Care in General Practice
National Framework for Action on Dementia
2006-2011
(Extended by one year, to be reviewed, next Framework developed)

Annual report to Health/Ageing Ministers for public release

NSW GOVT Towards 2030: Planning for our changing population

SMHSOP Service Plan

Stronger Together

DoH and ADHC Quality Standards

DoH

Expert Advisory Group

NSW Dementia Policy Team work plan

ADHC

Regional priority plans

LHN implementation plans

NSW Dementia Services Framework Implementation Plan

6 monthly reporting through HPPPC of AHMAC

Annual report to NSW Dementia Services Framework steering committee

End of Life and Palliative Care Frameworks

Specialist Health Framework for Older People

Proposed Governance

Stronger Together

ACI, CEC, CETI projects

Local Dementia Services Networks

SHSOP & Aged Health projects & services

Dementia Population Planning Model

DPT Short term Working groups and projects

ADHC funded short term projects

HACC and Disability programs
Challenges

- Funding opportunities
- National health and aged care reforms
- Scope of implementation plan
- Communication
- Relationship to other frameworks
Thank you

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