Helping Australians with dementia and their carers

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prevention and early intervention
care and support
information, awareness and education
research

Health Outcomes Conference 2008

‘Facilitating knowledge exchange and transfer for a dynamic future’

- The Dementia Initiative
- National Framework for Action on Dementia
- Key Projects
- Evaluation
- Dementia Advisory Group
- Dementia Initiative Reference Handout
The Dementia Initiative

The 2004/05 ‘Helping Australians with dementia, and their carers – making dementia a National Health Priority’ (The Dementia Initiative) funded a range of projects from 2005 to 2009 that:

- support dementia research and service development;
- raise dementia awareness;
- improve treatment and care;
- provide opportunities for early intervention; and
- support health care professionals and aged care workers.

Overarching Policy

The Dementia Initiative aligns with the 2006-2010 National Framework for Action on Dementia.
Key areas of the Initiative

- Dementia research and innovation, improved care and early intervention;
- Dementia specific training for aged care workers and health care professionals; and
- Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD).

Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia-EACHD

- 1,334 EACHD packages allocated in 2006
- 666 EACHD packages allocated in 2007
Research

• Dementia Research Mapping

• Dementia Research Grants managed through MOU between the Department and the NHMRC
  • 8 round one projects
  • 13 round two projects

Dementia Collaborative Research Centres

• **Australian National University**: Prevention, Early Intervention and Risk Reduction

• **University of New South Wales**: Assessment and Better Care Outcomes

• **Queensland University of Technology**: Consumers, Carers, and Social Research
Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Services (DBMAS)

- Transition of PGUs to DBMAS
- 1800 Number
- National Guidelines
- Different models of service delivery

National Dementia Support Program

- Counselling and Support Services
- Awareness Raising
- National Dementia Helpline
- Living with Memory Loss Program
- Education and Training
Dementia Care Skills for Aged Care Workers

By December 2007, Dementia Essentials had provided 8,168 of the proposed 17,000 vocational education Level 3 Unit (CHCAC15A) to health care workers nationally.

Community Worker Training

The Dementia Skills Training for Community Workers Project provides training to workers who may need to assist people with dementia such as Ambulance and Police Officers.

Training Resources for Special Needs Groups

- Dementia Learning Resource for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities
- Special Needs Training Resources:
  - Local Knowledge - e-learning resource - rural/remote workers;
  - 2 Young 4 Dementia – a resource about early onset dementia;
  - Staying at Home with Dementia – a resource about how technology and the environment can help;
  - Living With Dementia- a Vietnamese family story: and
  - Strangers in a Strange Land – a CD-ROM and resource sheets,
Dementia Training Study Centres (DTSCs)

Four DTSCs provide tertiary dementia curriculum and dementia career pathways for graduate and undergraduate health care workers:
- The Eastern Australia DTSC
- The Victorian and Tasmanian DTSC (TIME for Dementia)
- The South Australia / Northern Territory DTSC
- The Western Australia DTSC

Ongoing Evaluation

LAMA (Latrobe University, Applied Aged Care Solutions, Melbourne University, and Access Economics) has been contracted to undertake an independent evaluation of the Initiative.
Evaluation key performance indicators (KPIs)

Evaluate extent projects meet the KPIs individually and as a part of the three measures:
- Appropriateness (is it what people want and need?)
- Effectiveness (did it make a difference?)
- Efficiency (was it worth it?)
- Quality (was it any good?)
- Accessibility (could people use it?)
- Impact on collaboration (did services work together?)
- Sustainability (long-term outlook?)
- Outcomes (what was the end result?)

Evaluation Reports

- Analyse activities to date
- Highlight what was learned through the projects to date
- Recommendations about opportunities and post-June 2009 planning
Minister’s Dementia Advisory Group

- Met in March 2008
- 16 members
- Advise on the implementation, evaluation and future direction of the Initiative

Thank you for your time today.

Reference Handout available

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