

Cwm Taf University Health Board;

Cynon; Care and Repair "Managing better" Project

Project Lead; Contacts;

Rationale; The majority of older people live in their own homes and this is set to increase with people living longer and a focus on caring for people in the community.

While there has been significant research on new-build design for people living with dementia, there is not a vast amount of information about adapting existing stock.

People living with dementia can stay independent for longer at home given the correct support for themselves and their carer.

People living with dementia are more likely to have falls or accidents in the home and therefore it is especially important to ensure that the home is safe and free from potential hazards at an early stage

This service helps to avoid crisis situations that can arise when the home of a person with Dementia is unfit or unsuitable for their needs, which can often hasten a move into hospital or residential care

Project Details; The aim of the specialist Dementia service is to provide an intensive one-to-one service in partnership with key organisations that proactively addresses the housing needs of people with Dementia. This one-to-one service means that the specialist has detailed knowledge of the client's home, reducing the response time taken when urgent repairs are needed. They also have detailed knowledge about the support network of the person with Dementia, making it easier to respond to potential crisis situations.

Intended Outcomes; of the service is to provide an intensive Casework Service in partnership with key partner organisations that proactively addresses the housing needs of people with dementia and their carers which aims to:

- Avoid crisis situations that can arise when the home of a person with dementia is unfit or unsuitable for their needs and which can hasten a move into hospital or residential care.
- Reduce the response times taken when urgent repair work is needed to the home of a person with dementia by having detailed knowledge of that home e.g. type and make of central heating boiler etc.
- Have detailed knowledge of the support network of the person with dementia to make it easier to respond to potential crisis situations.
- Ensure that those with dementia and their carer's have access to detailed information on housing matters when and where appropriate e.g. on first being diagnosed.

The Joint Commissioning Statement for Older People's Services 2015-2025, highlights the Tele-care Systems to use sensors and alerts to provide monitoring of care needs and emergencies. The new project of 'Just Checking' has been piloted in RCT which is a stand-alone device/s for people with dementia.

Partners; Cwm Taf University Health Board; Care and Repair Cwmru

Time-frame;

Future Development Planned;

Commissioning / Funding; Care & Repair receives Welsh Assembly Government funding towards its holistic core service and in 2010-2011 the Welsh Assembly made a limited amount of additional funding available for a dedicated casework service for those with dementia and their carer's.

Evaluation / Reporting; No details regarding reporting or evaluation are currently available

Supporting Documentation;

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Project Status; This is a Cynon based project. Funding secured through the "Warm home by prescription" scheme and Care and Repair. The patient invite letters were sent out in December 2016. Care & Repairs 'boilers on prescription' is also being hosted by a Practice in the Cynon; the District Nurses are supporting the identification of appropriate referrals.