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**Dementia United programme**

**Bulletin 5. September 2020**

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to our e-bulletin. We’ve included updates from across our programme and would welcome your feedback. Do you find this useful? Is there anything else you’d like us to include? If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to gmhscp.dementiaunited@nhs.net

**Delirium**

**The opportunity to test out using the GM Community Delirium Toolkit**

Many thanks to the Multi-disciplinary Community Teams from the five localities who have sent in Expressions of Interest to test out the Greater Manchester Community Delirium Toolkit. The five localities who have either started or are about to start testing out the Community Delirium Toolkit are: Bolton, Manchester, Salford, Stockport and Trafford. There’s also been interest from the North West Ambulance Service who are looking to adapt the Community Delirium Toolkit for a pilot with Community Paramedics, linking into some of the localities who are already testing out the toolkit.

As part of the testing, we’re offering support to these community teams by sharing resources and holding bi-weekly catch up meetings. These meetings link up all the community teams and will that ensure all feedback will be collated and fed into the final review and recommendations for a proposed roll out of the toolkit across Greater Manchester.

If there are community teams from Bury, HMR,  Oldham, Tameside and Glossop and Wigan who are interested in testing the toolkit, there’s still time. Please do get in touch and/or complete an Expression of Interest. The Expression of Interest form can be found here <https://dementia-united.org.uk/resources/> and then scroll down to Delirium section. The Greater Manchester Community Delirium Toolkit is embedded as a document within the Expression of Interest form.

For all enquiries, please contact Helen Pratt: helen.pratt5@nhs.net

**Dementia friendly housing and healthy homes**

We’re currently engaging with local authorities in Greater Manchester about our proposals to support positive, person-centred discussions around housing options early in the post-diagnostic pathway. Working with [Life Story Network](https://www.lifestorynetwork.org.uk/), our approach recognises the role of key influencers in decisions around both how to live independently at home for longer and also around transitions from home. This includes social care assessors, discharge teams, and the medical profession.

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**Dementia Carers Expert Reference group**

On August 17th and in celebration of South Asian Heritage Month, Shahid Mohammed TIDE’s Greater Manchester Carer Involvement Lead, BAME Lead and project manager for the [Dementia Dekh Bhaal](https://www.tide.uk.net/dementia-dekh-baal-evaluation-report/) project organised a zoom webinar . This was hosted by Mohammed Akhlak Rauf MBE, Founder and Director of [Meri Yaadain CiC](https://www.meriyaadain.co.uk/). The session was very successful with over 30 participants ranging from health and social care professionals, representatives from dementia organisations and several BAME dementia carers.

The topic of the session was discussing South Asian migration to the UK and how the changing social construct of dementia care in these communities should be reflected in service design and delivery. The session was planned for an hour but, due to participants’ interest in the topic, the session overran. The majority of participants stayed until the end. Shahid is arranging further BAME Dementia zoom webinars, one at the end of September and another one during Black History Month in October. Both sessions will be led by BAME dementia experts. Details of both zoom webinars will be shared in due course. For further information please contact Shahid Mohammed (BAME CI Lead) on 07841 421157 or email shahid@lifestorynetwork.co.uk.

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**Greater Moments**

The ongoing development of the app to capture the experiences of people living with dementia (and their carers) is moving at some pace now as we approach the launch! The first phase of users testing the app had been completed. We got some great feedback and users consistently commented on how easy they found using the app, “I am very impressed with the look of the app. I felt very confident in using it.” The development team at Hitch are now busy working on updating the features and functions ready for the second phase of testing. We are also updating the app with local services and events, if you have any information you’d like adding to the app about an event or service you manage please get in touch with Stacey on the email address below.

Phase two of users testing the app will run from 7-21 September. If you’d like to be involved in the second phase the deadline for signing up is 9 September. We are also recruiting volunteers, these Champions will be community champions supporting us to promote the app across Greater Manchester.

If you’d like to be involved in the testing or as a Champion, or would like more information about these please email Stacey Adams at Social Sense, stacey@socialsense.co.uk or keep an eye out for updates on the website [www.greatermoments.org.uk](http://www.greatermoments.org.uk)

The app will be going live on 5 October and we will be planning a schedule of virtual launch events across Greater Manchester.

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**Mild Cognitive Impairment**

We’re pleased to inform you that work is now progressing in relation to the Dementia United workshops for Mild Cognitive Impairment. Our delivery partners, [The Neurology Academy](https://neurologyacademy.org/) together with our Clinical Lead for Mild Cognitive Impairment, Dr Ross Dunne are busy re-designing the programme which will now be delivered by a series of webinars.  The webinars will be suitable for people involved in the provision or development of services for those with mild memory impairment. The aim of the webinar series is to equip participants with the knowledge and motivation to carry out a quality improvement project. Participants will have access to the first webinar before committing to carry out a quality improvement project in their Mild Cognitive Impairment service. They will then have access to the rest of the webinar series and be invited to present their project plan at a live webinar in early 2021. Further updates will be communicated soon, along with details of the sign-up process.

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**Other news**

**New £300,000 funding programme launched for projects addressing a key challenge to help the social care sector respond to COVID-19 and its aftermath**

The Health Foundation has launched a new programme aiming to fund exemplar projects that demonstrate how data analytics can be used to improve social care. COVID-19 is having a profound impact on people needing and using care, and their carers. Analysis is urgently needed to help us understand the problems they are facing and the actions that need to be taken, ahead of a possible resurgence in the virus.  They’re inviting social care providers and commissioners, including local authorities, health boards in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, domiciliary care

providers or residential/care home providers, to apply for our Strengthening Social Care Analytics programme.

This programme is open for application until 2 October 2020. [You can find out more on their website](https://www.health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships/programmes/strengthening-social-care-analytics)

**Greater Manchester Memory Assessment Service Summit**

The Greater Manchester Memory Assessment Service Summit took place on 13 August to understand how services will recover from the impact of COVID-19. Over 40 clinicians and commissioners attended the virtual summit and discussed topics on referral, management of waiting lists, diagnosis, and post-diagnostic support. Attendees at the summit heard and shared good practice from across Greater Manchester.

The summit was hosted by Professor Alistair Burns, Professor of Old Age Psychiatry & National Clinical Director for Dementia, NHS England and Improvement, and Dementia United. It included presentations by the [Cerebral Functioning Unit](http://www.cerebralfunctionunit.co.uk/), [Manchester Centre for Clinical Neurosciences](https://www.srft.nhs.uk/about-us/depts/sub-arachnoid-haemorrhage/info/about-us/), Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and [Department of Clinical Psychology, Later Life and Memory Services](https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/older-adult-psychology-services/) – Manchester, Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Dementia United would like to thank all those who participated and hope to work with them in the near future in the development of model of good practice for memory assessment services in Greater Manchester.

**Website**

We’re continuing to add new resources to our COVID-19 resources hub on our website <https://dementia-united.org.uk/home/covid-19-information/>. This provides a wide range of guidance and information for people living with dementia and those that care for them. We’re also using this site to signpost people to where they can get the help and support they need, whether it’s help with shopping or support with their mental health and wellbeing. All resources have been quality checked and we will continue to add resources as they become available. We would welcome your feedback helen.pratt5@nhs.net or emma.smith96@nhs.net