



# CÙRAM IS SLÀINTE NAN EILEAN SIAR

WESTERN ISLES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

## IJB DEMENTIA STRATEGY

Report by Chief Officer, Health and Social Care

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To agree and publish the dementia strategy of the Integration Joint Board.

### COMPETENCE

2. The issues raised in the report are purely procedural.

### SUMMARY

3. The need to develop a dementia strategy for the Western Isles is set out in the IJB Strategic plan and was a recommendation of the recent Joint Inspection of Older People's Care. The Strategy was developed by a multi-agency, multi-professional working group led by the Dementia Nurse Consultant.
4. Over the last four months, we have consulted and engaged with stakeholders, clinicians and the general public in respect of its content. Feedback from a variety of sources informed the final draft, which is now put forward for approval.
5. The strategy itself has been written to take account of the new national dementia strategy, emerging models of best practice from national bodies like Alzheimer Scotland and local issues in respect of current service capacity and connections to the wider redesign of mental health services.
6. The principal goals of the strategy are: Early diagnosis; Optimising physical health, cognition, activity and well-being; Detecting and treating behavioural and psychological symptoms; Avoiding inappropriate admissions to hospital; and Providing information and long-term support to caregivers.
7. If members agree to the strategy, we will move to implementation via the Managed Clinical Network chaired by the Nurse Director and which will involve all sectors and professional groups.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended that the IJB:
  - (a) Agrees to the content of the dementia strategy and that it be published on the website of Cùram Is Slàinte: [www.ijbwesternisles.scot](http://www.ijbwesternisles.scot)
  - (b) Agrees that we should publicise the strategy with local media outlets and through third sector bodies;
  - (c) Agrees that we now move to implement the strategy, as detailed above.

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