Development of a Vision for the future of dementia policy to 2020

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Background

• In March 2012 the Prime Minister published his challenge on dementia, building on the former National Dementia Strategy.
• The Challenge set out a number of key commitments to deliver major improvements in dementia care and research by 2015.
• The Department of Health now needs to consider the next phase of the work on Dementia, post the Prime Minister’s Challenge on Dementia, which is due to end in March 2015.
• Key focus is to set out our ambition for the outcomes we want to achieve for people with dementia and carers, how we tackle remaining barriers and challenges and drive further improvements.
• We envisage publishing a government owned and led document by March 2015, setting out a future vision for domestic dementia policy to 2020.
• To inform the work we are engaging with a range of stakeholders, organisations and with people with dementia and carers themselves.
Dementia Vision

• We envisage a concise document, which sets a **strategic direction for domestic dementia policy in England**, framed in a global context, the current economic landscape and wider strategic reform underway within health and social care and across government.

• The document will be **aimed at society at large**, setting out what the vision means for different parts of society, not just the government e.g families, communities, industry, employers etc. We envisage it will set out:

  - **progress** in the last five years and **remaining challenges**;
  - **what success could look like by 2020** framed around outcomes important to people with dementia and **carers** and informed by the latest data and relevant international evidence.
  - **good practice examples** showing where England is world leading and **demonstrating what can be done without being prescriptive**;
What outcomes are we trying to achieve?

1. I have personal choice and control or influence about the decisions that affect me

2. I know that services are designed around me and my needs

3. I have support that helps me live my life

4. I have knowledge and know-how to get what I need

5. I live in an enabling and supportive environment where I feel valued and understood

6. I have a sense of belonging and of being a valued part of family, community and civic life

7. I know that there is research going on which will deliver a better life for me now and how I can contribute to it

PERSON WITH DEMENTIA, CARERS AND FAMILY
What are the broad areas we are looking into?

- Improving the provision and continuity of personalised health and social care for people with dementia and carers - risk reduction, prevention and diagnosis.

- Improving the provision and continuity of personalised health and social care for people with dementia and carers - post-diagnostic support from the immediate stages after diagnosis right the way through the care pathway to end of life care and including care in all settings, for example at home, in the community, in hospitals and care homes etc.

- Promoting awareness and understanding.

- Building social engagement by actions of individuals, communities and businesses.

- Boosting dementia research capacity and capability, the opportunity for individuals to get involved in research and optimising knowledge transfer and pathways to impact.
What are the broad areas we are looking into?

- **Improving support for carers** including improving their health, wellbeing and experience.

- **Supporting the education, training and development of the health and care and wider workforce.**

- **Global action on dementia.**

- **Ensuring equity of access, provision and experience.**
Key questions for group discussion

For discussion on your tables:

• What are the headline areas where progress been made to date?

• What are the remaining key challenges where more could be done to improve outcomes for people with dementia, and their families and carers, by 2020?

• Based on the above, what could a set of key supporting actions look like and what might they mean for different parts of society?
Any Questions?