

Kent Wide Action Alliance:

The people attending the Kent Wide DAA should be those top level management of agencies covering wide areas of Kent, and reps from the local DAA's and local dementia forums, this should also help focus and prioritise.

The Kent DAA have asked if we could look at the below and feedback if and what the local forums may be looking at doing for these occasions.

May, June and October:

May is Dementia Awareness Week (DAW), June is Carers Week, October is Older People.

The KDAA want to be able to advertise a programme of local events.

The WK DAA should be collating the local 'events' and feeding up and across to other forums so that they enhance each other and don't overlap too much.

The Kent Wide DAA will be used as a mechanism for sharing local and national initiatives, for show casing and discussing local projects and achievements, for liaising with other county wide boards etc.

West Kent Action Alliance:

This is going to be the mechanism which will hopefully bring the learning from the 4 local forums together, hopefully giving some coordination, also having some actions of its own, These will be around an action plan looking at training, delivery, communications, social media and such.

(Notes will be circulated soon along with a meeting breakdown and membership form)

The West Kent DAA has also agreed to monitor and manage the "working to become Dementia Friendly" recognition symbol across West Kent, which any group or organisation can apply to use by either joining the DAA or by becoming a local area 'supporter' of an alliance or forum.

(This will involve the various group/organisation making pledges of how they intend to work towards becoming dementia friendly and for this to be evaluated after a period of time.)

The Alliance will then report back yearly to the Dementia Friendly Communities team around progress and how the symbol is being used.

The West Kent DAA will also feed into the Dementia Implementation and Strategy group (commissioners from Health and social care) and the West Kent Health and Wellbeing board (mirroring whats happening in other areas and Kent Wide.

Website

The website is now open and in the TESTING phase, can you all try to have a look before the next meeting and give some thought as to how we can best use the Your Area section, I am

sure we have many venues projects or activities worthy of mention. the web address is www.dementiafriendlykent.org.uk

Similarly any comments about content or functionality would be welcome. *Action.*

Insight gathering exercise

How to make your area dementia friendly

Make GPs aware of all the help that is available and of the various DFC's

Support for carers

An area / meeting place for memories (libraries)

Memory books

Start a neighbourhood watch scheme for people with dementia that go missing in the area – sections of Kemsing to be covered by set teams

Support for those caring

Carry an ID card

Awareness of symptoms to recognise dementia

Training for staff and local businesses and organistaions who deal with the public delivered in Edenbridge

Host a dementia clinic

X Coffee Sunday at church at 10 X

Dementia café help and support for those affected by dementia and their carers

More help for partners who still have to go out to work and leave their other halves at home

Drs to have a better understanding about diagnosing dementia sometimes they need to listen to the people that live with someone who is loosing their memory

Make sure all shops have the community wardens phone number so they can contact them if a person with dementia is lost in their premisis

Make shops aware that dementia sufferers may have forgotten the concept of using money and need patience and understanding

To be accepting of peoples differenced whether it is old age, mental health or disability

Dementia is something becoming more and more common as we live longer, not something to look forward too but something that will touch or affect most of us at some stage

It is very That the society comes forward to help combat dementia. The same approach should be there in all aspects of life, be it education for the school drop outs and the children and young adults living with poverty and are exposed to all sorts of adversity

provide advice on dementia friendly environments/parks/ traffic/ etc

doctor's surgeries and other care settings should provide advice on dementia more infomation, and more money

Just being more friendly towards each other

More day care where people can be cared for and stimulated both physically and mentally.

education to help take away the fear maybe have some local talks or sessions

Changing people's attitudes could be a start

Make money available for a day care centre.

Use staff with experience of looking after dementia patients, train them properly

Assist those who are on their own at home to visit clubs and meet others, or have people in as friends.

Form clubs meeting places and find volunteers to visit housebound victims.

People to understand the symptoms to get everyone aware of it.

Make people aware of dementia and if you think someone is vulnerable keep an eye on them.

Encourage people to take more responsibility for their family friends and neighbours

Encourage people to become more neighbourly accept others differences etc.

Make Doctors take action at the early stages and to listen to those living with the person, rather than rely of silly tests

More information and advertising

Provide more support for carers

More help for the carers, more day care and respite.

More awareness of symptoms and where to find local support group for families.
organise meetings

More education on the different types of dementia and the effects on the family and carers and tips and practical information.

Grater awareness of services & assistance for both those effected and their carers.

Help people to be more aware of how best to help people who have dementia

Awareness of the affects of dementia

more facilities for elderly that are close and accessible .

more information

involve local groups & clubs etc

Get local various clubs and groups to work together for the community .

Older people can drift in to isolation and loneliness and this doesn't help them .
communities need to reach out to help each other.

public awareness about early diagnosis

peer support groups

Staff / public awareness / training / understanding in schools, shops, libraries etc

more meeting points, dementia cafes

Engagement across the whole community including business

