

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council 16 December 2019

**DEMENTIA FUND**

Plymouth City Council recognises the growing number of people in Plymouth and across the country who are living with a diagnosis of dementia.

Plymouth City Council notes that through its integrated Commissioning function, there is some really positive work being done to support people with dementia to live independently in the community, for example, the Dementia Friendly City initiative and the Dementia Support Worker Service which is commissioned to provide support to people on diagnosis of dementia. The Quality Assurance & Improvement Team (QAIT) have developed a Dementia Quality Mark and a workforce development programme for care providers which has led to an improvement in care quality in the city and has been recognised as being excellent by the CQC.

Plymouth City Council further notes that when people living with dementia need care, they face higher charges for care than those with other health conditions, many of which are free on the NHS, due to the inequity in which care for the condition is funded. Additionally, it is noted that significant underfunding of local authorities, coupled with rising demand and costs for care and support, have pushed Adult Social Care services to breaking point

Plymouth City Council believes that the system of support for people living with dementia is unfair, unsustainable and needs a long-term overhaul, to ensure that people with dementia receive affordable and high quality care when and in the manner they need it.

Therefore, Plymouth City Council resolves to:

- call on the government to address this unfairness by asking the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, asking him to ensure that dementia is funded by the NHS like any other health condition through a dedicated Dementia Fund worth £2.4bn;
- consider any response to this request through the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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On 6 December 2019

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