



## AHP Dementia Forum Board Leads Scoping Exercise 2017

### Scoping exercise for Board leads from the Alzheimer Scotland AHP forum

The central aim of the scoping exercise is to further develop your own understanding of the AHP services that are available locally for people living with dementia. An associated aim is to develop your network within your health board area in preparation for taking forwards the delivery of Connecting People, Connecting Support.

Your local AHP director should be regarded as a key contact at the start of the scoping exercise. As you make contact with colleagues you should seek to develop answers to the questions below, and to discover who else it might be worth speaking to.

When recording the answer to the questions, please do so according to the following principles:

1. You are seeking to make a statement as the representative of your board, not your own individual profession;
2. Only record pertinent information, e.g. a response might mention that profession A is doing X, and that professions B and C are doing Y. It does not need to account for the other professions - although you will need to ask about them all, either one by one or through someone with a board-wide perspective;
3. If in doubt as to what to include, ask your contacts what they feel is relevant or what would best answer the question;
4. If in doubt as to what is meant by particular terminology, it might be worthwhile discussing colleagues perspective on what it means to them;
5. Please contact Mark via [mark.hamilton2@nhs.net](mailto:mark.hamilton2@nhs.net) for any clarification or support with completing the exercise.

Many thanks in advance,  
Mark and Elaine

**\* 1. Please record your name**

**\* 2. Please record your Health Board**

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| <input type="radio"/> NHS Borders                      | <input type="radio"/> NHS Lanarkshire   |
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| <input type="radio"/> NHS Fife                         | <input type="radio"/> NHS Orkney        |
| <input type="radio"/> NHS Forth Valley                 | <input type="radio"/> NHS Shetland      |
| <input type="radio"/> NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde    | <input type="radio"/> NHS Tayside       |
| <input type="radio"/> NHS Grampian                     | <input type="radio"/> NHS Western Isles |
| <input type="radio"/> Golden Jubilee National Hospital |   |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)           |   |

**3. Are there local initiatives to increase the awareness of how AHPs can help people living with dementia?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details?

4. Is there AHP based self management material available for people living with dementia in your local area (i.e. self management material based upon the core principles or components of dietetics, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, art therapy, music therapy, SALT, etc.)?

- Yes
- No
- Partially (in only some services or localities)

If so, what is available; who owns (is responsible for) the material; and how can people currently access this material?

5. Is AHP supported self management being offered to people living with dementia in your local area ?

- Yes
- No
- Partially (in only some services or localities)

If so, how do people currently access this?

6. Are there targeted AHP led interventions in your local area to tackle the symptoms of dementia?

- Yes
- No
- Partially (in only some services or localities)

If so, what are these; which AHP profession is involved; and how do people currently access these services?

7. Do your allied health professions currently use a personal outcomes based approach, recognising people as experts in their own lives?

i.e. has practice developed in any professions so that good conversations or other techniques are used to identify personalised life outcomes in addition to purely clinical outcomes (e.g. a personal outcomes approach to restoring mobility would identify and then be centred around an identified personal outcome such as working towards an individual being able to attend local coffee morning or catch a bus to their grandchildren's house)?

- Yes
- No
- Partially (in only some services or localities)

If so, how are people's strengths, hopes and aspirations incorporated into the AHP intervention?

8. Have AHPs been invited to collaborate within the redesign of local dementia services with a focus on integrated, coordinated AHP service provision?

- Yes
- No
- To an extent

If so, please provide a summary of the aims of the redesign and which AHPs have been involved.

9. Are AHPs connecting locally across acute, community and third sector settings?

- Yes
- No
- To an extent

Please outline and comment on the current level of cross sector working taking place locally.

10. Are there existing plans to implement the Promoting Excellence Framework for Dementia to support the development of a Skilled AHP workforce?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please give details.

11. Are there existing plans to implement the Promoting Excellence Framework for Dementia to further support the development of an Enhanced AHP workforce?

Yes

No

If yes, please give details.

12. Are there existing plans to implement the Promoting Excellence Framework for Dementia to further support the development of an Expert AHP workforce?

Yes

No

If yes, please give details.

13. Do you currently have a local AHP dementia network or forum with a range of stakeholders?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details of how this operates.

14. How are AHP services engaging with people living with dementia and their families to obtain their view and preferences, either during the provision of care or in the design and delivery of services? It may be helpful to describe some of the dementia focused interventions professions are offering.

15. Is there a board lead for Post Diagnostic Support? (note, this may not be an AHP)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- If yes, please state name and role

16. Is there a board lead for dementia strategy and service improvement? (again, may not be an AHP)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- If yes, please state name and role

17. Has the impact of self management material or dementia focused approaches been evaluated?

- Yes
- No
- Study in progress

If yes, how?

18. Is the impact of supported self management being provided for people living with dementia being assessed?

- Yes
- No
- Study in progress

If so, how?

19. Do services evaluate the impact of targeted AHP led interventions to tackle the symptoms of dementia?

- Yes
- No
- There are plans to do so

If yes, how?



20. Are any of your AHP services involved in new or innovative models of dementia practice?

Yes

No

If yes, please list what improvement initiatives are underway and what stage of development has been reached - e.g. planning, first test of change, wider roll out following successful test?

21. How do your Allied Health Professions currently share practice beyond the local area?  
E.g. conference participation, blogs, community of practice.

22. Where do your local AHP dementia services look for innovation, best practice or service development ideas?

23. Please select all the professions you have either spoken with directly or learnt about through colleagues with an overview of these professions.

Art Therapy

Physiotherapy

Dietetics

Podiatry

Occupational Therapy

Prosthetics

Orthoptics

Radiography - Diagnostic

Orthotics

Radiography - Therapeutic

Paramedics

Speech & Language Therapy

Other (please specify)