

Dementia

Overview

1. Since dementia was announced as one of the key clinical priority areas for the CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework last year there has been a real sense of a can-do attitude from CCGs and clinical networks. The appetite and enthusiasm for improvement across the system has been much appreciated and reflects the dedication and hard work of everyone involved. We would like to personally thank you for this and give our assurance that we will continue to work with you on this improvement journey.
2. It is important to remember that the overarching aim of this assessment is to help CCGs improve their performance, ultimately for the benefit of people affected by dementia. To that end, we have developed a comprehensive support offer which will provide tiered support to CCGs based on their level of need. This can be found here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/mental-health/dementia/ccg-support-offer/>
3. Level 1 offers general support to all CCGs, including benchmarking tools and advice from clinical and policy experts. Level 2 is aimed at those CCGs needing to improve against one indicator and offers further support from clinical leaders. Level 3 is available to those CCGs in most need of improvement.
4. We are more than happy to receive any feedback from CCGs on this process for dementia and look forward to continuing our work with you all in the improvement phase. We are specifically interested in hearing from CCGs who have ideas for how we can improve our support offer to better meet your needs.

Outstanding

5. A CCG assessed as outstanding is performing well against both indicators. These CCGs should strive to maintain this level of achievement as a minimum. CCGs in this category are encouraged to share best practice and learning with other CCGs and may want to volunteer to be a buddy CCG to a poorer performing CCG.

Good

6. A CCG assessed as good is performing well against one indicator but has room to improve on the other. CCGs in this category may benefit from our support offer, specifically level 1 and 2. Where a CCG is performing well against one indicator we would encourage them to share best practice and learning with other CCGs.

Requires improvement

7. A CCG assessed as requires improvement is performing very poorly against one of the indicators or quite poorly against both. CCGs in this category are encouraged to take advantage of our support offer, particularly level 2.

Inadequate

8. A CCG assessed as inadequate needs to make significant improvements in performance against both indicators. Any CCG in this category is eligible for level 3 of our support offer and is strongly encouraged to contact the national team for targeted support.

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Jeremy Hughes, Dementia Independent Clinical Panel Chair