**Dementia Ambassadors in Health and Care**

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| **Aim**   * To ensure that the principles Dementia Care (including personal care) and the support of good person-centred practices and values are integral within everyday practice * To support and train the team and service area colleagues on various subject related to and in support of excellence in Dementia Care | | **Who can be the, Dementia Ambassador?**  Anyone who wants to support person centred thinking, is willing to give up 10 minutes a week in order to support a person with a diagnosis or has related symptoms of dementia, or a patient/resident’s family member or develop the internal workforce to promote improvement in systems, knowledge or activities . The individual must be willing to embrace this role of being the Dementia Ambassador, this may include the Manager themselves   * All nominations to be sent to Lincolnshire Care Association Workforce Development; email [samanthabacchus@linca.org.uk](mailto:samanthabacchus@linca.org.uk) with;   + **Name of nominated person**   + **Their email or work email**   + **Organisation representing**   + **Nominating Person and contact number** |
| **Rollout of the programme**   * The programme dates and times are to be confirmed   To support knowledge and growth, a series of Webinars are being designed. A full calendar of what and when they will be will be available to access soon  **[Dementia Ambassadors are expected to attend all at least three network webinars per year as part of the role]** | | **Dementia Ambassadors Will**   * Act as a resource and a point of contact for patients, residents service users , colleagues or family of friends who have a loved one with a diagnosis or symptoms of dementia * Cascade/disseminate information and new practices, keep a log on staff training, information and develop and maintain a notice board * Maintain Dementia as a standing agenda item at team meetings within their own organisations. * Encourage colleagues to recognise trends and themes. * Promote person centred approaches to dementia care and link to national, regional and local strategies as well as professional code of conducts ensuring these guidelines are managed and implemented in to quality care practice * Be aware of own limitations and seek further clarification / support from the organisations designated Dementia Lead. * Attend a minimum of three webinar network meeting per year * Continue to professional develop by undertaking and attending any focus workshops that will add value to you as a Dementia Ambassador. This may include training, reading or undertaking research * Ensure that the provider has a formal Dementia plan in place for all patients/residents/service users that is frequently reviewed by the relative lead for Dementia Services |
| **Overview of the Role** | | |
| **Cohort 3 – One workshops dates and times to be confirmed**  **Sign up and attend a series of webinars which will allow networking and upskilling of detailed information through presentations and access to new resources** | | |
| **Note – A DEMENTIA AMBASSADOR IS NOT** *a replacement for a LEAD practitioner responsible for Dementia trainer, but someone who would be able to support those who train on these subjects* | | |
| **Expected Outcomes of the Role**  The development of the role across your organisation will:   * Enhance and streamline Dementia practice * Provide consistency in Dementia practice * Promote staff competencies in quality Dementia Care * Give staff confidence to provide up to date advice and support to colleagues * Improve the overall health and wellbeing of patients, residents and service users and their friends and family | **Purpose of Dementia Webinar Network**  **Meetings**   * Gain knowledge and have access to resources during and them following attendance of the Webinar meeting * Provide a forum for Dementia Ambassadors to meet, network, share best practice and lessons learnt across the sector * Gather up to date information from partner agencies. * Promote discussion on dementia policies and procedures. * Maintain and enhance their skills and competencies in dementia care services | |
| **For any information or interest regarding Dementia Ambassadors, please email.** [**markturton@linca.org.uk**](mailto:markturton@linca.org.uk) | | |