

ASI Policy Tender

A Case for Dementia in the Chronic Disease Management Programme

Dementia and the Chronic Disease Programme

Chronic disease management programmes are initiatives designed to address the systemic barriers to effective care and establish evidence based standards of care for particular conditions. They include strategies and elements relating to how care is provided for patients with chronic diseases so that outcomes can be improved. Ireland's chronic disease policy framework addresses the challenges of chronic disease so as to reduce the burden for individuals, their carers and the health system.

Currently dementia does not form part of the Chronic Disease Management Programme (CDMP). The National Dementia Strategy (NDS) states that dementia policy, service delivery and development should be guided by the principles of chronic disease management as set out by the Department of Health. Evidence from other jurisdictions shows that incentivisation and resourcing of chronic disease management can lead to health promotion, pro-active care and better outcome measures.

Objective of Policy Paper

The primary objective of this proposed policy paper is to explore the case for including dementia in the CDMP, specifically, how this process could be developed and an in-depth understanding of what would be entailed in this process, what it would mean for people diagnosed with dementia, their carers and health care professionals (HCPs). The paper will examine the following:

1. The technical aspects of what it would mean for dementia to be categorised as a chronic disease and the steps and actions involved in this process, and how it would fit with the aims of the chronic disease policy framework,
2. The implications of this approach and impact for people with dementia, their carers and HCPs, especially GPs, and impact on clinical, process and service utilisation outcomes,
3. Whether or not the the CDMP could potentially be a cost-effective strategy that could lower the overall cost of the disease and the burden for people with dementia, carers and HCPs.
4. Practices in other jurisdictions and internationally relating to chronic disease management programmes, and whether this would be the best model to adopt in Ireland,
5. How inclusion of dementia in the CDMP would inform, complement and build on current developments in relation to dementia care and actions within the NDS.

Overview of Policy Context

It is estimated that the number of people with dementia will treble in the next 30 years so that by 2046 over 150,000 people may be living with the condition. This will give rise to a consequential cost burden on the healthcare system and present challenges for society. In response to this, including dementia in the framework for CDMP may present a means of reducing this cost burden and supporting people with dementia and their carers.

The Framework for Management of Chronic Disease, which underlines the importance of intersectoral activities for risk factors and prevention, addresses the management of chronic disease at different levels through a reorientation



towards primary care and the provision of integrated health services that are focused on prevention and a better quality of life. This approach can potentially complement and support the strategic approach that is required for dementia care.

ASI is of the view that a strategic approach to dementia care within the health care system needs to include an integrated and multi-disciplinary response by community services, primary care and secondary care to support people with dementia and their carers. Home care support, Dementia Advisors and Dementia Key Workers needs to be allied closely with primary, secondary and long-term care and have a strong working relationship within HSE structures, whilst a 'whole community' approach mobilises support and understanding for dementia care. The above framework can potentially support and facilitate such a strategic approach.

Proposed Costs

ASI has a fund of **€10,000** to support development and production of this policy paper.

Role of ASI

ASI's role in this expert policy paper will involve specifically:

- (i) Tender the proposed policy call and select appropriate expert,
- (ii) Draw up terms of reference,
- (iii) Manage the production of the paper,
- (iv) Provide ongoing support and advice,
- (v) If appropriate, organise and manage launch event.

How to Apply

Expressions of interest (EOIs) (2-3 pages) should describe the following:

- Overall objectives, and an outline of your understanding of the outcomes we are trying to achieve
- Indication of plan and methodology for the policy paper,
- Relevant skills and experience of the team, including track record,
- Expected costs of development and production of paper.

Shortlisting Procedure

The key criteria for scoring the tenders are:

- How well the tender responds to the brief and understanding of the brief,
- Relevant skills and experience of the team, including track record of producing similar work of a high quality and to deadline,
- Cost and value for money

Timeline

Deadline for EOI: 27th October (midnight) 2019

Notification of award: 8th November 2019

Draft due: 24th January 2020

Finalised draft due: 7th February 2020

Please submit your Expression of Interest and any queries by e-mail to research@alzheimer.ie by midnight on Sunday 27th October 2019