


South Tees
Clinical Commissioning Group

14 Trinity Mews
North Ormesby
Middlesbrough
TS3 6AL

Tel: 01642 263030

Website: www.southteescCG.nhs.uk

11 December 2015

Toni McHale
Healthwatch Assistant Manager
Healthwatch Middlesbrough
Catalyst House
27 Yarm Road
Stockton on Tees
TS18 3NJ

Sent by email

Dear Toni

Re: Making Middlesbrough More Dementia Friendly

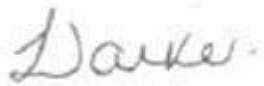
Thank you for sharing with us the report *Making Middlesbrough More Dementia Friendly* which was positively received by all partners and stimulated much discussion at the Dementia Collaborative Meeting in November. I understand that the recommendations fit well with the direction of travel outlined by the Collaborative which is reassuring.

From a CCG perspective you will be aware that Dementia is a one of our priorities for action. In addition to the Collaborative, we have invested recently through our Community Innovations Fund in Dementia Friendly Schemes in both Middlesbrough (Cleavearc) and Redcar and Cleveland (Carers Together). Furthermore, within our commissioning intentions for the year ahead is a distinct overarching commitment to improving the journey for people living with dementia and their carers. The CCG shares Healthwatch's recommendation to make our area more dementia friendly and within this commissioning intention there is work scheduled regarding Dementia Friendly GP Practices.



Thank you again for sharing this report with us. I understand that at the Collaborative an agreement was made that Healthwatch and Clevearc would combine intelligence, once feedback from the Clevearc event held on 4th November has been shared with key stakeholders. We look forward to receiving the enhanced report in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Janet Walker'.

Dr Janet Walker
CCG Chair