Overview of Dementia Services in ANGUSalive

Partners
Alzheimers Scotland (Angus)
Angus Health and Social Care team
Angus Post Diagnostic Dementia Practitioners
Kirrie Connections
Amanda Kopel
The Need

• Dementia high on the media radar with 93,000 people diagnosed in Scotland in 2017 – and increasing annually
• Research shows people with dementia gradually lose the ability to hold meaningful conversations
• Need to build on existing successful “Take Control” and Chronic Pain services
• Clear focus on a project to lend items to assist people with Dementia to have a focus for conversation or retelling of recollections to keep them connected to family and carers
Achievements and Outcomes

Achievements

• The establishment of a collection of 148 up-to-date books in our libraries; 13 bags containing visual items and 22 boxes containing tactile and sensory items
• Since the official launch March 2017, the books have issued 185 times and 35 boxes and bags have achieved 151 loans
• 70 ANGUSalive staff have attended Dementia Friends awareness sessions to date

Outcomes

• Strong partnerships made with Alzheimer's Scotland, Angus Health and Social Care team, the Angus Post Dementia Diagnostic Team, Kirrie Connections, Amanda Kopel
• Relevance of Library services has increased to care homes, day centres etc
• People with Dementia are now reconnecting with Library services
• People living with Dementia now involved in Library groups in our buildings
Embedding and Spreading

Experience shows

• Testing at Dementia Cafés gave confidence in the suitability of the items and service
• Definite need for service based on statistics, feedback and requests for more topics and more boxes
• Some items from specialist Dementia sites expensive but people often willing to donate suitable items and boxes can be filled in-house
• Promotion of Dementia services raises the library profile as a whole
• Staff gained confidence from Dementia Friends Awareness sessions delivered by partners

Further developments

• ANGUSalive service points now being made more Dementia friendly as part of our current refurbishment programme
• More boxes and bags being planned
• More Dementia Friends Awareness sessions planned
Finding out more

https://angus.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/HOME

Dementia Collection

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