

# London Vision

Support Londoners with dementia to live well



**Our ambition:** London is the world's first dementia friendly capital city by 2022

**Our commitment:** we will ensure that Londoners receive a timely diagnosis, ongoing support and are able to live well in their community

## The challenge we face...

An estimated that 72,000 Londoners are living with dementia, including around 3,700 people living with young onset dementia (onset under 65). If current trends continue, there will be a 40% increase in the people living with this condition by 2025. Diagnosis rates have significantly improved over the last five years from 54% to 73%, however there is significant variation across different parts of London. 18,500 Londoners are still estimated to be living with dementia without a diagnosis<sup>44,45,46,60</sup>

## £2.4bn

is the total cost of dementia to the London economy per year



Dementia diagnosis rates have significantly improved across London from 54% in 2014 to 73% in 2019

## 73%

Unpaid care accounts for 73% of the total cost of people with dementia living in the community, and 44% of the total cost of the overall dementia population in London

## 6 weeks

An ambition has been agreed for services to work towards 85% of people to receive a diagnosis and initial care and treatment plan within 6 weeks of referral.

## Two thirds

of London boroughs are doing some kind of dementia friendly activity already

## 2x

People with dementia stay in hospital twice as long as other older people

## Our actions so far...

- Working with the Alzheimer's Society to **launch Dementia Friendly London** and we are working towards:
  - Establishing **2,000 dementia-friendly organisations** – including shops, GP practices and cultural venues including galleries and museums and sports venue – that have considered people with dementia and taken practical action
  - **Recruiting 500,000 Dementia Friends** across the public, private and community sectors – including bus drivers and station staff, NHS staff and housing, and retail sectors
  - Supporting **all London boroughs to become Dementia Friendly Communities** building on the work already underway
- **Placing all people with dementia at the heart of Dementia Friendly London** through a People's Panel of Londoners living with dementia
- **Creating a cross sector executive board** made up of senior leaders across the partnership. This has been established to oversee the Dementia Friendly London strategy
- Establishing an, NHS London-led, mechanism of clinically led support to **improve diagnosis rates**
- Improving integrated working in South West London is being completed; **bringing psychiatrists, neurologists and neuroradiologist together** in a multi-disciplinary meeting
- Agreeing with each STP, **a mechanism to collect memory service waiting time data** and Dementia Clinical Network to streamline pathway, completing a pan-London memory service audit

## Our next steps...

- Led by the dementia friendly London executive board, sectors will establish local action plans to achieve cross sector and individual ambitions
- The GLA will lead by example at City Hall where work will be led by the Mayor's Dementia Champion and Chief Officer, Mary Harpley
- London Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and Alzheimer's Society are supporting London's boroughs to become dementia-friendly.
- NHS London will offer Dementia Friends sessions to London regional staff
- NHS London's expert Dementia Clinical Network will bring together memory services and Parkinson's clinics to improve pathways and support joint working

