

# Invitation for Carer Representation

## Dementia United Governance Groups

### 1. Introduction

Health and Social Care Partners have committed to working together over the next five years to make Greater Manchester (GM) the best place to live with dementia. Co-ordinated regional support through a partnership delivery model – [Dementia United](#) (DU) will ensure that learning between localities is optimised and variation in service provision and access is better understood through peer review and knowledge exchange and minimised.

DU has asked [tide](#) – together in dementia everyday to support them in identifying carer representatives to sit on their two strategic governance groups - Strategic Board and the Implementation Operations Group.

The **Strategic Board** acts as the system governance and assurance Board for Dementia United (DU) providing strategic oversight of dementia improvement in GM.

**The Implementation Operations Group** ensures that progress is being made that the following developing key work streams can move ahead at pace.

DU recognises that having a carer of a person with dementia providing their expertise at these meetings is just a small part of a wider approach to a resourced and sustainable model of carer involvement. Tide is in discussion and willing to support DU in the design of a wider involvement strategy including the creation of a carers' Expert Reference Group to drive the work programme forward, ensuring that there is an ongoing dialogue and accountability to carers of people living with dementia.

### 2. Frequency

**The Dementia United Strategic Board** meets on a quarterly basis. This may be subject to change based on the level/ speed of work moving through the programme and on consensus of the DUSB Chair and group members. The next meeting of this Board is on the:

**23<sup>rd</sup> August from 13.30 – 15.30 at Lostock A&B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Piccadilly Place Manchester M1 3BN**

**The Implementation Operations Group** will meet every 4 - 6 weekly basis initially. Frequency of meetings will decrease as the programme develops. The next meeting of this group is on the:

**19<sup>th</sup> July from 12.00 – 14.00 at Partington and Altrincham Rooms, Cross House Cross Street, Sale M33 7FT**

### 3. Expectations

The DU team wants to honour its commitment to ensure that their programme of work is “*informed and driven by the lived experience and expertise of people living with dementia and those who care for them*”.

They also want this representation to develop and maintain deep connections with localities and carers organisations across GM. This will include:

- Supporting localities in effectively developing a sustainable engagement model for people living with dementia and their carers, which demonstrates impact on decision making locally
- Support localities to identify innovations and offer advice to localities and the Implementation Operations Group and the Dementia United Strategic Board.
- Keeping localities and other carers organisations informed and engaged about developments for people living with dementia and their carers.

tide is committed to working with key partner organisations/ networks and DU so as to ensure that delivering on these expectations is set in the context of a sustainable and resourced model of carer involvement to support the DU work programme going forward.

### 4. Support from tide

tide recognises the importance of ensuring that carers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to share their caring experience in an influential and impact way, whilst ensuring that the individual carer feels safe, valued and respected as equals in their various involvement roles.

We believe that true, diverse, inclusive involvement requires that carers, who wish to be involved, are adequately prepared; trained, supported and facilitated to the point that they come to the table with **equal status**. This requires an investment in their individual learning and development. tide has created the necessary learning and development infrastructure for the effective involvement and engagement of carers of people living with dementia through our bespoke [carers development programme](#), tide will offer carers of people living with dementia, who wish to be involved in the DU programme, access to participate in our carers development programme, if resourced and commissioned by the lead organisation / partnership. In addition, a senior member of the tide team will provide the following support to carers in fulfilling this role:

- Access to our Carers Development Programme

- Arrange full briefing of the papers in advance of the meeting
- Support during each meeting
- Debriefing including emotional and psychological support post every meeting
- Ongoing discussion with DU to ensure that the above expectations are set within the wider involvement strategy
- Recognising carers' day to day challenges and unpredictability of their caring commitment, tide will identify and offer the opportunity for another carer to attend.
- Support with practical details including travel arrangements and reimbursement for time and expenses

## 5. Remuneration

Dementia United is utilising the NHS England guidance '[Working with our Patient and Public Voice \(PPV\) Partners – Reimbursing expenses and paying involvement payments \(v2\)](#)' Prepared by: Public Participation team, NHS England (2017). It is important that you take time to read and understand this policy. This sets out how NHS England supports Patient and Public Voice (PPV) Partners to be involved in work programmes through reimbursing expenses and, in certain circumstances, offering involvement payments. For specific 'Expert Advisory roles involvement payments are offered, Tide will support you in discussing and agreeing these in advance of the DU meetings.

## 6. Expression of Interest & Response

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Julie McManus in the first instance on [julie@lifestorynetwork.org.uk](mailto:julie@lifestorynetwork.org.uk) or 0151 2372669 and she will arrange a telephone discussion with our CEO Anna Gaughan, who currently sits on both DU groups.

Given the timescales for the next meetings any further discussions will be organised by **Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.**