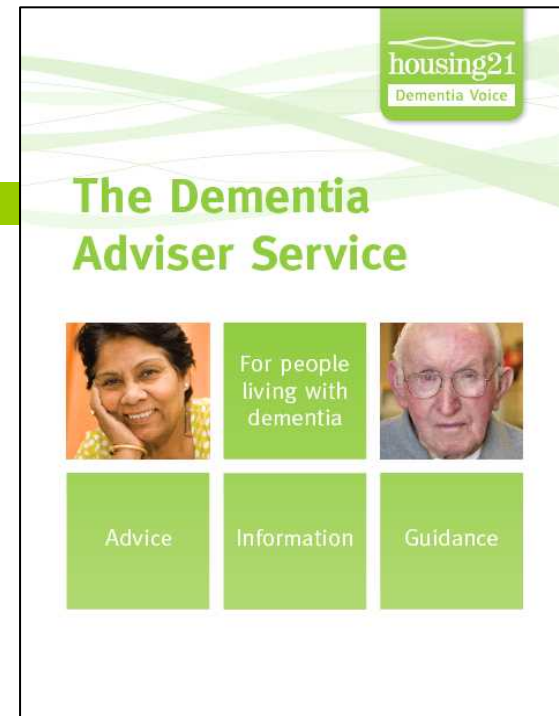


An Introduction to the Westminster Dementia Adviser Service

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Session Aims

1. Provide a brief overview of Living well with Dementia: A National Dementia Strategy, 2009
2. Introduce the role of the Dementia Adviser in Westminster
3. Explain how the Dementia Adviser can support you

Living well with Dementia: A National Dementia Strategy 2009

- ❑ Led by Leslie Carter, Department of Health. The strategy reports a clear vision that people with dementia and their carers should be helped to *live well with dementia* no matter what stage of their condition or where they are in the health & care system
- ❑ A five year plan to improve Health and Social Care services in England for people with dementia and their carers
- ❑ Rationale: If the Government spend money now to improve the quality of life for people with dementia and their carers they will save money in the future as well as make things better for everyone concerned
- ❑ The Government identifies dementia as a national priority

The National Dementia Strategy (2009)

3 Key Themes, 17 Objectives:
Improved public & professional awareness
Early diagnosis & support
Living well with Dementia

Objective 1:

Raise awareness of dementia and encourage people to seek help

Objective 2:

Good quality **Early Diagnosis**, support and treatment for people with dementia and their carers explained in a sensitive way
Westminster Memory Service

Objective 3:

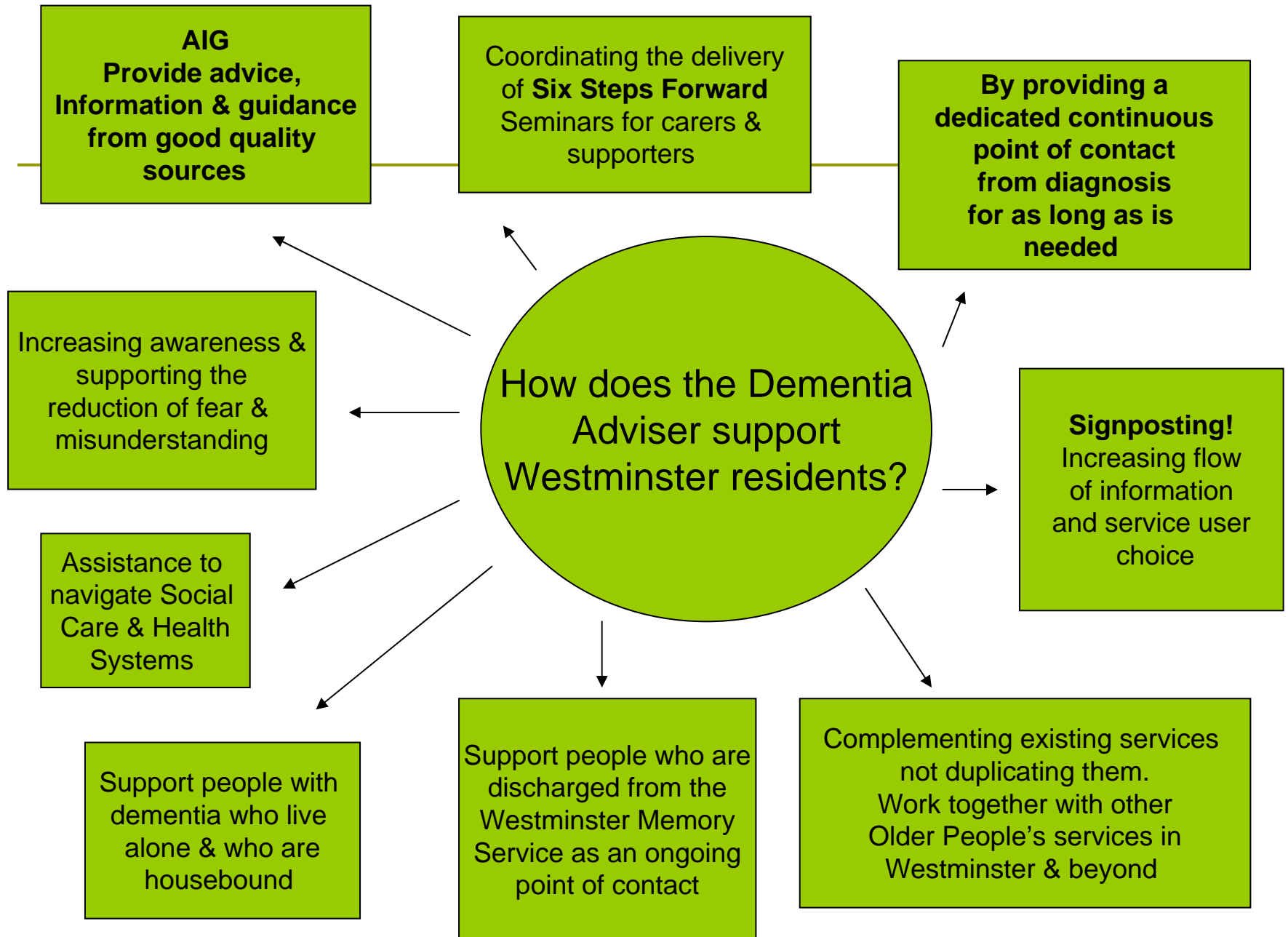
Good quality information for those diagnosed with dementia and their carers

Objective 4:

Easy access to care, support and advice following diagnosis facilitated by a **Dementia Adviser**

Objectives 5 & 6:

Develop structured peer support and learning networks. Improve community personal support services for people living at home



How can the Westminster Dementia Adviser support you?

- ❑ Provide you with a continuous point of contact without the need of referral
- ❑ Provide simple information and tailored advice to maximise your choice and understanding of available services
- ❑ Coordination and delivery of the free Six Steps Forward Seminars for carers and supporters
- ❑ Support service users who have dementia that are housebound or who live alone, by providing home visits and information on an ongoing basis
- ❑ Provide information and support to people with suspected memory problems by introducing the idea of memory assessments, and the role of the Westminster Memory Service
- ❑ By giving you a copy of the Westminster Dementia Guide! (Oct 2010)

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