The Dream

2 years on – a positive and possible future.

The group was asked to imagine what could change within 2 years to make services reflect the dream:

- Homely environments in some wards
- Protocols in place for sharing info between GP’s and others
- 24 hour response team
- Social Work assessments have changed
- Politicians keeping dementia high on agenda
- Assessments carried out at home

Some of the key themes:

- People would not be admitted to hospital on an automatic basis
- Flexible support services
- A qualified “specialised” team that was one stop and could sort things out for people seamlessly
- Counselling and support post diagnosis
- Assessment procedures being more holistic and person centred.

What things will help keep the process moving?
Action Planning Steps

Targets for 1 year & first steps
• Someone identified to evaluate current good practice and gaps
• Heads of services brought together
• People with dementia and their carers more directly involved in services
• Better display of information in wards
• Short life working group
• Clear understanding of information being shared

The group was welcomed by Rose and Mark from Quarriers Person Centred Planning Service, who were facilitating the discussion.