

6.1 Dementia

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In focus

At the request of Member States, the Secretariat has developed a report ([EB139/3](#)) outlining: the epidemiology and burden of dementia; the strategies undertaken within the health and social sectors that are proving to be effective; and WHO's activities, and other international efforts, to meet the global challenge posed by dementia. The Board is invited to take note of the report and provide further strategic guidance.

Para 18 of the report lists a set of strategies that could end up in a resolution: (i) strengthening global leadership; (ii) improving awareness of dementia, reducing stigmatization and sharpening the focus on risk reduction; and (iii) supporting individuals living with dementia to live well.

Background

Clearly set out in EB139/3

PHM Comment

The burden on individuals, families and communities of dementia is huge. The strategies listed in para 18 of EB139/3 all make sense. WHO is doing good work.

Presumably the Secretariat will be invited to work up a resolution for WHA70 in May 2017 for prior consideration by EB140 in Jan 2017.

Notes of discussion at EB139