

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		
SUBJECT:	CARERS STRATEGY		
DATE OF DECISION:	27 JANUARY 2016		
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF QUALITY AND INTEGRATION, INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING UNIT SOUTHAMPTON CITY CCG/SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None.			

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Southampton Carers Strategy 2016-20 refreshes the previous Carers Strategy which ended in December 2015. Unlike the previous strategy this one was co-produced by: carers; key statutory providers & commissioners of health and social care; and voluntary sector providers. Carers and representatives from these organisations have worked under the auspices of the Carers Strategy Group to develop the strategy. The group will continue to meet during 2016 and 2017 to oversee the implementation of the Strategy.

The Strategy is an overarching document which promotes organisations to make 'pledges' and 'action plans' based on the priorities within the Strategy. Some organisations have already made pledges; these and future pledges, can be seen on Carers in Southampton's web site <http://carersinsouthampton.co.uk/>.

2016 will see a launch of the strategy (March 2016). Subsequent action plans will be used to guide organisations and promote their work during key events such as Carers Week and Carers Rights Day.

Endorsement of the Carers Strategy from the Health and Wellbeing Board will provide valuable recognition to carers and support to organisations in its implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) For the Health and Wellbeing Board to endorse the Southampton Carers Strategy 2016-20.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Carers are a large group of citizens, of between 20-30,000 Southampton residents, who provide millions of pounds worth of support to their friends and family members every year. In order for them to continue in their caring role they need to keep emotionally, physically and mentally well. This strategy will

be used by organisations to

- (i) understand what carers have said will help them keep well and
- (ii) overcome the barriers to identification of carers and their access to services by guiding commissioners and providers to deliver carer friendly services.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. Not to refresh the previous strategy was considered and rejected as there would be no provision of a universal platform, influenced by carers, for organisations to use to support carers.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

Background

3. The Carers Strategy has been developed over the last year and the work has been co-ordinated by Carers in Southampton. It is jointly owned by carers and the organisations who are members of the Carers Strategy Steering Group, namely: Solent, UHS, Mind, Southern Health, CCG, SCC, Young Carers (SVS), and Carers in Southampton.
4. The Strategy will guide and support the development of pledges and action plans for all of the participating members of the steering group, who will also encourage other providers of health and social care services to write them.
5. The action plans will be based on one or more of the priorities described in the Strategy:
 - carer identification and recognition;
 - information and advice;
 - collaborative and innovative support;
 - support in maintaining health, wellbeing and safety;
 - planned and unplanned breaks from caring;
 - young carers protected and supported to learn and thrive.
6. A number of stakeholder events have been held which have, in the main, been attended by a wide variety of organisations in the public and voluntary sector. Some carers also attended but additional consultation was carried throughout the summer of 2015 to engage as many carers as possible through attending established groups and talking to carers at an individual level.
7. An earlier draft version was presented to stakeholders in November 2015 and comments received were incorporated into this final version.
8. Earlier versions, and this final version, have been presented to carers and senior managers of participating organisations.
9. The Carers Strategy will be presented to the joint Council Management Team (SCC) and the Senior Management Team (CCG) meeting in February for formal ratification of both organisations to their involvement in the development of the Strategy and commitment to implementing it within their organisations through Action Plans.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

10. None through the Strategy itself, however both SCC and CCG will develop Action Plans which may need resourcing. The latter will be approved independently by each organisation, through appropriate channels, before publication.

Property/Other

11. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. None.

Other Legal Implications:

13. The Carer Strategy and subsequent action plans will support the implementation of the Care Act 2014.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. The Carers Strategy supports both the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Southampton's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The JSNA highlights the 'need to support carers to care' as a specific challenge that needs addressing. Whilst the Health and Wellbeing Strategy contains an action to 'Offer an annual health check to carers and promote support networks for carers across the City'.

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

All

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Southampton Carers Strategy 2016-20
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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Privacy Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)