

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD 13th March 2013

IMPROVING CARER'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING – STRATEGY UPDATE

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CARE & SUPPORT

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has identified carer's health and wellbeing as one of its key priorities and this report details the progress being made in relation to carers.

1.2 Carers provide unpaid care by looking after an ill, frail or disabled family member, friend or partners. Caring can take its toll on your finances, your health, and your social life and on your family and work commitments. However, given reasonable level of support and understanding carers are prepared and able to go to great lengths to care for their loved ones

1.3 The strategic framework for carers is set within the context of national guidance and expectation in relation to supporting carers, but is also reflective of local needs and priorities. The strategic framework includes eight outcome areas as follows:

Information, advice and support, time for yourself, having your say, planning for the future, feeling safe and secure, promotion of well-being, meeting diverse needs and life outside of caring. The eight outcome areas are illustrated in a jigsaw model entitled 'making connections for family carers in Telford and Wrekin (see Appendix 1).

1.4 The draft carer's strategy (2013-2016) is currently being consulted on and the commentary received is being incorporated into a revised final draft. The strategy, plus an action plan of implementation will be subject to formal approvals by the council and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Board members:

- Note the progress being made in developing the strategy and associated action plan to support the implementation of the strategy.
- Note the strategy, once finalised will be subject to the Council and Clinical Commissioning Board approval.

- That further reports will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board to up-date in relation to the implementation of the Carer's strategy and provide progress against the action plan of implementation.

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	<p>Council's priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities and address health inequalities. <p>Health and Well- being priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve adult and children carers' health and wellbeing.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	The Carers Partnership Board are being kept informed of developments. Carers and other key stakeholders including evidence provided by Department of Health Survey for Carers, liaison with the Carers Forum, feedback from the Carers Contact Centre and other carers services
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	<p>The draft strategy will be completed by the end of March, together with an action plan of implementation.</p> <p>The strategy will then be subject to formal approval by the council and the Clinical Commissioning Group, it is anticipated final sign off of the strategy will be by June 2013.</p>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	<p>The implementation of the strategy will be within existing resources. A pooled budget (Section 75 Agreement has recently been agreed.</p> <p>Council contribution- £340,000/ year. This is re-occurring finance which has been allocated to carers respite services (including emergency respite) and carers support services.</p> <p>CCG contribution £195,000/ year. This is made up of £125,000 allocated to carers respite (</p>

		reoccurring) and £70,000 allocated to emergency response service for carers. The cost of the Carers Commissioning Officer post (Band 6 , part time 21 hours) is £23,340 is included in the above funding commitments. This post is currently jointly funded by the Council (£14,950) and health (via the Joint Commissioning pooled budget £8,390)
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes/No	No
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Borough-wide impact

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4. INFORMATION

Background- National and policy context

4.1 The National Carers' Strategy, published in 2008, has five objectives for carers to be achieved by 2018:

- Recognised and supported as an expert care partner
- Enjoying a life outside caring
- Not financially disadvantaged
- Mentally and physically well; treated with dignity
- Children will be thriving, protected from inappropriate caring roles.

4.2 The Coalition Government refreshed this strategy retaining these aims but inserting four priority areas:

1. Supporting early self-identification and involvement in local care planning and individual care planning
2. Enabling carers to fulfil their educational and employment potential
3. Personalised support for carers and those receiving care
4. Support carers to remain healthy

4.3 In addition the NHS Operating Framework also details specific expectations in relation to its obligations to carers which stipulates that Primary Care Trusts (PCT's) and successor CCGs are expected to work with councils to develop and promote

respite opportunities which reflect the personalisation agenda where carers are able to receive a break away from their day to day caring role.

Carers strategy-2013-2016

4.4 The carers strategy has been subject to recent consultation with a view to developing a final strategy by the end of March 2013. The strategy will be supported by an action plan of improvement based on eight key outcome areas as follows:

- Information, advice and support,
- time for yourself,
- having your say,
- planning for the future,
- feeling safe and secure,
- promotion of well-being,
- meeting diverse needs, and
- life outside of caring.

4.5 The development of the carers strategy and the action plan of improvement are based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Detailed work has taken place during 2012 to develop a clear statement on carers and the current JSNA is being up-dated to take account of the 2011 census. At the time of the census a total of 17,944 people in Telford and Wrekin provide unpaid care (10.8% of the population). This is an increase of 1.1% on the 2001 census. Locally we are aware of approximately 2000 adult carers and approximately 230 young carers.

4.6 In developing the Adult Carers Strategy, consideration has been given to young carers and specific reference is made to younger carers which is captured in the Young Carers Strategy 2012-2015.

4.7 In producing both the strategy and the JSNA detailed and ongoing engagement has occurred with carers and other key stakeholders including evidence provided by Department of Health Survey for Carers, liaison with the Carers Forum, feedback from the Carers Contact Centre and other carers services. The Health and Wellbeing stakeholder event held on the 30th January was also used as an opportunity to consult more widely with key stakeholders.

4.8 The consultation on the draft strategy ended on the 29th February and the feedback received is being incorporated into a revised document. The final strategy and associated action plan of implementation will be completed by the end March 2013.

4.9 The strategy will then be subject to formal approval processes of the council and the CCG Board. An outline of the proposed time line is as follows:

- Final draft- by end March 2013
- Council Cabinet approvals SMT, Policy and review and Cabinet April- May (Cabinet 30th May)

- Clinical Commissioning Board, May- June
- Carers Partnership Board - May
- Health and Wellbeing Board- date – May 15
- Strategy approved by June'13

4.10 Both the council and the CCG has committed to a pooled budget Agreement (Section 75) for carers respite care and other support services for carers. This demonstrates strong collaborative approach to supporting the needs of carers locally in Telford and Wrekin and the strategic approach as detailed within this report.

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 This is the first report to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board, however reports regarding the creation of a pooled budget have been received by the CCG Board the council's Cabinet.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1(Making connections for family carers in Telford and Wrekin)

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