

## Report of the Carers Task and Finish Group (TFG) to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Findings and Recommendations of Barnsley OSC's Carers TFG

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 As part of their work programme, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee conduct three separate task and finish groups during the autumn to allow for a more-in depth investigation into topics that have been identified by elected members as facing particular challenges or warranting more robust scrutiny.

1.2 For 2024/25 the three Task and Finish Groups established by the committee were:-

- Autism (All Age)
- Barnsley Carers (All Age)
- Barnsley Council's Great Childhoods Ambition

1.3 This report provides a high-level summary, and outlines the key findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Carers Task and Finish Group.

1.4 It is worth acknowledging that, there is significant correlation between the three task and finish groups of the OSC as effective pathways and support for those with Autism and for Young Carers enable those cohorts of children and young people to thrive.

1.5 The members that took part in the TFG were:-

Cllrs Robert Barnard (TFG Lead Member), Joe Hayward, Martin O'Donoghue, Mick Stowe and Sarah Tattersall. The group also invited Chloe Bannister from Healthwatch Barnsley to participate as a special advisor given her knowledge of working in the community.

1.6 Over the course of the investigation, the group met with key officers (witnesses) from Adult Commissioning Improvement and Assurance, Children's Commissioning, Barnsley Adult Carers Service and Barnardo's Young Carers and Sibling Support Service, who provided expert advice and guidance.

1.7 The group would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to all officers who engaged with the process and provided information to support their investigation. Additionally, the group would like to give special thanks to the group of carers at Barnsley Carers Service who gave up their time to provide valuable insight to the TFG of their personal experiences.



## 2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Following on from the OSC's previous year's TFG investigation which considered the 'Adult Health and Social Care Workforce', Members raised questions regarding the provision for unpaid carers.

2.2 As defined in the Barnsley Carers Strategy, which was launched in 2022, carers are 'ordinary people whose lives have changed because they are looking after a family member, partner, or friend, who because of disability, illness, alcohol or drug use, a mental health condition or the effects of old age, cannot manage without help. The care they give is unpaid. This includes:

- **Adult carers** - adults caring for adults over the age of 18. This includes adults caring for their adult children. Many carers have more than one caring responsibility; for example, carers could be caring for two family members, such as an elderly relative and a dependent child or a spouse.
- **Former carers** - those who have stopped their caring role. This could be because of a change in the condition of the cared-for person. This includes the death of the cared-for person, the cared for person has recovered and no longer needs care and support, or the carer wanting/having to stop providing care.
- **Hidden carers** - may not identify themselves as carers and may not seek support or information that would benefit them. They may also choose not to seek support and information about their caring role.
- **Mutual carers** - those who require care and support that are also providing care and support (interdependent caring).
- **Parent carers** - provide care for a child with additional needs (under the age of 18) and have parental responsibility for the child.
- **Working carers** - combine caring for another person with working. Supporting carers to remain in work can bring considerable benefits to carers themselves, employers, and the wider economy.
- **Young carers** - children and young people under the age of 18 who look after someone in their family who has an illness, disability, is affected by mental ill-health or problematic use of alcohol and/or drugs. They take on the practical and emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.
- **Young adult carers** - young people aged between 18 and 25 who are caring either for another child or young person, or an adult.

2.3 According to 'Valuing Carers 2015: the rising cost of carers' support' report by Carers UK and the University of Sheffield, the value of care provided by unpaid carers in Barnsley was estimated to be around £605 million per year. Many people across Barnsley spend lots of time providing unpaid care for a family member or friend who would be unable to cope without them. These people are referred to as unpaid carers or informal carers; they often say they are just being a husband, a wife, a mum, a dad, a son, a daughter, a brother or sister, a friend or a good neighbour. The amount and type of support that carers provide varies considerably. It can range from a few hours a week, such as picking up prescriptions, shopping and preparing meals, to providing emotional or personal care day and night, seven days a week.

2.4 Within Barnsley Carers Strategy, the vision, aims and key priorities are:

**Vision** - Carers are identified and recognised and have access to information and practical and emotional support to help them achieve the outcomes which matter most to them.

**Aims** - More carers in our community will:

- Be recognised and identified as a carer at the earliest opportunity, so they receive the appropriate information and advice for them, their family, and the person they care for.

- Understand their rights as a carer and have access to an assessment, so they receive support and sufficient breaks to look after their health and mental well-being.
- Be enabled to have a life outside of their caring role and also be supported to work or undertake training and education opportunities.

### **Key priorities**

1. Raising awareness to increase the identification of carers
2. Working with carers
3. Assessing carers needs
4. Carers health and mental wellbeing
5. Carers breaks
6. Helping carers stay in work
7. Young carers
8. Parent carers

## **3.0 SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION**

- 3.1 Initially, the group met to discuss the scope of the investigation. This included TFG members wanting to find out more about support services available, how they are performing, how carers have been involved in the design of these services as well as how they are facilitated to support each other. The group were made aware of plans to refresh the Carers Strategy and Action Plans and were keen to contribute to their development.
- 3.2 The group agreed to hold a series of meetings which would give them an overview of the work being undertaken, as well as opportunity to provide 'check and challenge' to officers and partners on the work being carried out. The group were keen to visit both the adult and young carers' services and to hear from service users. The TFG highlighted their interest in ensuring that service user voices were being heard in the design and delivery of services, as well as having opportunity to make links and recommendations regarding the various elements.

## **4.0 FINDINGS FROM THE INVESTIGATION**

### Barnsley Unpaid Carers: Overview

- 4.1 The officers gave an overview of key data regarding unpaid carers in Barnsley:
  - According to the 2021 census there were 24,735 unpaid carers in Barnsley (10% of the total population).
  - The age profile of unpaid carers is:
    - Under 15: 327 (1.3%)
    - 16-24: 1212 (4.9%)
    - 25-34: 2611 (10.6%)
    - 35-49: 5559 (22.5%)
    - 50-64: 9242 (37.4%)
    - Over 65: 5786 (23.4%)
  - The value of this care equates to £889 million.
  - Around 13,000 unpaid carers are known to the Council or another service (less than 50%).
  - By 2037, Carers UK have calculated that the number of carers in the UK will increase by 40%, meaning we would have approximately 39,800 carers in Barnsley.
  - In 2023, 1158 adult carers received a carers assessment from the local authority, this is a 35% increase from 2022.
  - As at the end of March 2024, 1121 adult carers received a service following either an assessment or review.
  - There are 1428 carers registered with Barnsley Carers Service.

- Barnsley Young Carers Service supports approximately 125 young carers per year.
  - Around 33% of BMBC staff have identified themselves as an unpaid carer.
- 4.2 The group queried the distribution of unpaid carers across the various Wards in Barnsley, which showed that this was fairly even. As a result, the group were keen that services are accessible to all areas of Barnsley.
- 4.3 The TFG were also keen to understand the spend on unpaid carers in Barnsley compared with other local authority areas. The officers outlined the complexities of this as Councils spend monies on various support services which may/may not be comparable. The officers assured the group that before commissioning services, they undertake benchmarking with other areas to ensure they are obtaining value for money.
- 4.4 The officers outlined Barnsley Carers Service which is commissioned by the Council's Adults Commissioning Improvement and Assurance Team and is currently provided by Cloverleaf Advocacy to offer a free support service to unpaid carers aged 18 and over. Barnsley Carers Service works closely with a wide range of professional health and care services, Barnsley Council, charities, and community groups to provide support, advice and training designed to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of local carers. The service offers information and advice, drop-in support, groups, events and activities, education, benefits and financial advice, training and so much more. They are also able to continue supporting people who have stopped caring, for whatever reason.
- 4.5 Additionally, officers advised that the Council's Children's Commissioning Team commission Barnsley Young Carers and Sibling Support Service which is currently provided by Barnardo's. The service offers one to one sessions and group sessions to children and young people, aged 5-17 years old, who are young carers for family members, including siblings, who have an illness or disability. The one-to-one sessions are led by the needs of the individual child. The group sessions are interactive and bring together other young carers and sibling supporters to offer peer support, as well as helping them with their own individual needs.
- 4.6 In terms of stakeholder involvement, Barnsley All Age Carers Strategy Steering Group is made up of representatives from the Council and partner organisations and a Barnsley Carers Forum member. They are responsible for the monitoring and assurance of the delivery of the strategy. Barnsley Carers Forum is a group of adult carers who meet with support from Barnsley Carers Service. They discuss issues relevant to their caring role, and via representation on the Strategy Steering Group, facilitate escalation of issues of concern and provide feedback on strategy progress to the Forum. The Barnardo's Young Carers and Sibling Support Service has a group of young carers who meet to discuss and give feedback on the service. The Team Manager from the service is a representative on the Barnsley Strategy Steering Group. However, unlike adult carers, there is no young carer on the Strategy Group.

#### Priority 1: Raising awareness and increasing the identification of carers

- 4.7 This priority is focused on raising awareness so that more carers are identified and encouraged to recognise their role and rights as a carer by health and social care organisations, schools and colleges, voluntary sector services, community groups and private businesses. The group discussed work with partner organisations and their role in support of this priority.
- 4.8 Officers gave an overview of various work which had been undertaken to raise awareness, including a roadshow, drop ins and information stands at various locations, as well as presentations to GPs. Local NHS organisations have also undertaken work to support carers,

including South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SWYPFT) who have developed carers passports and other resources and Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BHNFT) who have developed a young carers passport ID card in consultation with Barnardo's.

- 4.9 On a visit to the Barnardo's Young Carers and Sibling Support Service, the group were impressed to hear how the passport for young carers at BHNFT had been inspired by a young carer, attending Barnardo's, who raised issues that she faced as a young carer not being allowed to fully support her family member, who was receiving treatment, at the hospital, with the BHNFT safeguarding team when they visited Barnardo's. Following this, the passport was developed by the hospital team, who consulted with Barnardo's Young Carers Council and staff. A pink flower has been added as the symbol of the passport, in dedication to that young carer's mum. This helps to ensure that considerations for young carers are taken into account, such as being able to visit outside normal visiting times and be involved in the person's care if they choose.
- 4.10 Officers highlighted that Barnsley's 'Let's Hear Your Voice' survey which is used to find out how to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Barnsley, now asks pupils in schools if they are a carer. During the visit to Barnardo's Young Carers and Sibling Support Service, officers highlighted how identifying young carers is one of the biggest challenges. Often, school staff are not aware of young people with caring responsibilities and therefore, reasonable adjustments are not put in place. Officers offered a number of suggestions as to how this could be resolved such as timetable adaptations, not having behaviour sanctions at the end of the day which means that they cannot carry out necessary care and allowing time out of school if they need to support their parent to a medical appointment. Officers advised that young carers have been exploring having a card to identify them as young carers, within school, which the group are keen to progress.
- 4.11 As highlighted in the earlier findings, it is also challenging to identify unpaid adult carers, who will often just see themselves as being a good family member, friend or neighbour. Without such carers, the government and public services acknowledge that they would be bankrupt. Resources for services are however challenging, and it is important that services are targeted to those most in need before they hit crisis point. The group are therefore keen that work is continued to raise awareness and increase the identification of unpaid carers, but also that we measure and highlight the social benefit of supporting unpaid carers, and feature this on Cabinet reports when relevant decisions are being made.

#### Priority 2 – Working with carers

- 4.12 This work is to ensure more carers are supported to participate in decision making and care planning for the person they care for.
- 4.13 Officers outlined the work undertaken over the last year to work with carers including strengthening links between carer stakeholder groups, surveying carers to ask them about their needs, asking strategic groups how they work with carers and asking leads in local organisations to promote working with carers to staff, such as BHNFT, SWYPFT, GPs and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS).
- 4.14 The group welcomed this work to engage with service users and acknowledged how the young carer passports were in support of addressing this priority.

#### Priority 3: Assessing carer's needs

- 4.15 The aim of this priority is to ensure more carers have a carers assessment and discuss face-to-face what matters most to them, including their health and wellbeing, social care needs,

financial support, work, education or training.

- 4.16 As outlined by officers, under the Care Act 2014, carers have the right to receive support from their local authority if they have eligible needs, which are determined via a carer's assessment. As highlighted previously, identifying carers can be challenging, especially as unpaid carers don't identify themselves as such. The TFG are keen to ensure that professionals entering homes are mindful of the carers who may be present, whether this be adults or young people, and they document their observations and any resultant conversations so that carers are being captured and also having their needs met as appropriate. As noted in the recent Adult Social Care Peer Review report, from the cases audited, it was difficult to find if carers had been appropriately considered.
- 4.17 On meeting Barnsley Carers Service users, they highlighted how often they feel forgotten as the focus is always on the person they care for. It is important therefore that carers are given the opportunity to have their needs assessed away from the person they care for, so that they can be open and honest about their needs, rather than being careful not to upset the person they care for by being honest about how they truly feel.
- 4.18 In support of ensuring carers needs are met, the group welcomed the work being undertaken to create an adult social care resource list of services and information which can be used to support carers needs identified during assessment. Service users spoke of the importance of this information and how by attending events put on by Barnsley Carers Service, they had gained invaluable knowledge from meeting and talking with other carers. The group discussed the importance of capturing this wealth of information, whilst acknowledging that challenges occur as it can quickly become out of date as services and policies change.
- 4.19 Officers highlighted the work undertaken in support of this priority including working with carers to gather feedback, understand their experiences and make associated improvements. This has included launching 'Community Talking Point', where social workers are located out in communities, such as in libraries, and carers are given an appointment time to meet face to face to have their assessments and discuss their needs.
- 4.20 Carers have expressed an interest in receiving training to support their caring role. The TFG welcome the work underway to scope what and how this training can be offered to unpaid carers, including utilising the training offer to paid carers through Barnsley's 'Proud to Care Hub'.

#### Priority 4: Carer's health and wellbeing

- 4.21 This priority is to provide information, advice and support to carers to help them manage their own health and wellbeing to remain as physically and emotionally well as possible.
- 4.22 The group welcomed the work undertaken so far to provide support to carers including offering counselling when required, such as bereavement support. Information on services and offers that are available to Barnsley unpaid carers that would support their own health and wellbeing have started to be collated. It was also noted that BHNFT had made provision for a volunteer to sit with the person cared for while the carer has a hospital outpatient appointment, so they can focus on their needs.
- 4.23 On visiting Barnsley Carers Service, carers spoke of how being able to attend Barnsley Carers Service had been a lifeline. They described how challenging being a carer is, with for some, it being 24/7, with little respite. Unlike a paid job, there is no 'clocking off'. Being a carer is isolating and many described how they were grieving for their loved ones, as although they were still alive, they were no longer the person they knew due to their illness, such as parents and spouses who had been diagnosed with dementia or had strokes. The carers highlighted

the importance of support at the end of the phone to speak to someone who understands, can assist them and ultimately boost their morale. Through meeting with local carers, the TFG were given key insight into what it's like to be an unpaid carer and the importance of support being in place for their health and wellbeing.

- 4.24 Carers highlighted how it can feel challenging to attend to their own health and wellbeing needs and would welcome GPs supporting this by offering double appointments so that they can sort their own needs alongside the person they care for, rather than having to make several trips. It would also be helpful for GPs to capture those who are unpaid carers on their system so they are aware when individuals attend and so that information can be targeted to them as relevant.

#### Priority 5: Carer's breaks

- 4.25 This work focuses on Carers being given the opportunity to discuss the value of having a break from caring and the flexible options that are available to them to access. Short breaks (respite) 'provides short-term relief for primary caregivers, giving them time to rest, travel, or spend time with other family and friends. The care may last anywhere from a few hours to several weeks at a time' (National Institute for Ageing). Respite for carers helps them to continue in their caring role for longer periods, prevents carer breakdown, maintains carer health and wellbeing and prevents the carer developing long term needs of their own. Some respite care is provided by organisations in the VCS sector, whereas others are commissioned by the Council.
- 4.26 The group were advised that local stakeholders have highlighted the need for changes with current services in terms of short breaks. A key piece of work is being undertaken involving local carers to shape future service provision, which the TFG held a specific session regarding. The TFG considered the data which shows the expected rise in unpaid carers, and an ageing population, where for example, elderly parents will be caring for their adult children with a Learning Disability (LD) aged 50 plus.
- 4.27 Last year, local carers were surveyed regarding their caring duties, which showed that 70% of those responding were providing more than 31 hours of care per week, which is equivalent to a full-time job, Therefore giving them a break from this role will be essential. Feedback has shown that a number of people aren't aware of what's currently on offer. For those that do know, they find that the offer is restrictive, where they struggle to book care home places in advance for a family holiday as care homes operate on a short-term basis in terms of their availability. Some carers want to book long breaks infrequently to have family holidays, whereas others want shorter, more frequent breaks. Carers are also keen to have different types of support, such as a sitting service through the day or overnight in the person's home.
- 4.28 As a result of carer feedback, Adult Social Care are looking to change how they commission services, offering more flexibility for carers, and working with providers in the market. The service wants to create something which is inclusive and will meet needs of Barnsley's unpaid carer population by co-producing options. In hearing from local carers directly, the TFG heard how carers need to trust the support their loved ones receive, otherwise it isn't a break, as they just spend the time being worried.
- 4.29 Officers outlined how carers are also able to apply for a one-off grant to support them with their caring role however they choose. This may be money towards paying for an activity which provides them with respite, or for some, it may be used to replace white goods which they need. Officers advised the group that there was currently a delay in payments being administered due to limited officer resources. However, that they were prioritising requests based on need and were also looking to review how the scheme operates. Feedback from local carers to the TFG suggested that they welcomed there being a scheme. However, felt

that the money offered was much lower in comparison to other areas and were perturbed by the detail required to complete the application form, given the role they are carrying out and the savings this makes for the local authority. The TFG appreciate the challenges the Council faces to address the points raised in terms of resources and requirements to document public sector spend.

#### Priority 6: Helping carers stay in work

- 4.30 This priority is to help make sure carers are offered supportive working arrangements by workplaces.
- 4.31 Over the last year, grant funding has been provided to 'Carers UK' to support the Council as a local employer and to offer support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) (businesses) as employers and provide general access to carers information for the public. In terms of partner organisations, SWYPFT have developed a carer passport for staff and are working towards the 'Triangle of Care'. They also have a carers network, support offer, website and training for staff.
- 4.32 The Council has conducted a staff equalities survey and identified 850 employees who offer unpaid care. A passport 'All About Me' has been developed which covers caring responsibilities, caring is discussed in supervisions, and the Special Leave and Flexible Working Policies support employees' unpaid caring roles. The Council has also recently launched an employee's Carers Network.

#### Priority 7: Young carers

- 4.33 This work considers support to young carers to prevent inappropriate caring and provide the support they need to help them balance their caring role with their rights to be children/young people. As highlighted by Barnardo's who currently provide Barnsley's Young Carers and Sibling Support Service, young people with caring responsibilities have all the challenges of being young, with all the responsibilities of being an adult. Therefore, the service support children and young people who care for and look after family members affected by health issues, disability or substance misuse. They give young carers the opportunity to talk about how caring impacts on areas of their life, including their worries and their own wellbeing. They also discuss/feedback any relevant needs with parents, carers and families, as appropriate, and signpost them to further services if necessary, so children and young people can feel safe, happy, healthy and hopeful.
- 4.34 The group visited Barnsley Young Carers and Sibling Support Service and heard about the support they provide to local young carers. This includes giving young carers advice and emotional support to help them to develop strategies to cope with the impact of their caring role and build resilience, talk to a young carer's school, so teachers understand their situation and can be supportive, run group sessions where young carers can have fun, be a child and meet other young carers, as well as organise outings as resources allow.





- 4.35 Officers from Barnardo's outlined the challenges they face including a tight resource envelope, the need to allow time to work longer with young people and families with complex cases, facilitating young people to travel to activities, as well as working with schools to both identify young carers, but also then make reasonable adjustments. The service is keen to raise awareness regarding young carers but are also mindful of the increased demand this puts on their services. TFG members enquired whether arrangements are in place to support young carers to transition to the adult carers service. Officers advised that this was not part of current contract arrangements. Also, that children may be seen at a younger age, and not at the point where they would need support to transition into the adult support services.
- 4.36 The TFG were particularly interested in support in place to enable respite for young carers, so they have time to enjoy their childhood, and that their feedback is shaping services. Officers highlighted that feedback from young people is that they don't want trips away, but welcome time in groups with other young people and short trips out such as bowling.

#### Priority 8: Parent carers

- 4.37 With regards to parent carers, work is currently taking place with officers in Children's Services on the best approach to engage with the Barnsley Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Parent and Carers Alliance to collaborate on shared priorities.
- 4.38 As mentioned in the introduction, another of the OSC's TFGs has undertaken an investigation into Autism. One of this group's recommendations is to highlight the need for support for parents and carers for those with autism to be featured in Barnsley's Autism Strategy.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The group welcome the work that is being done in Barnsley to support unpaid carers of all ages. It is evident that local organisations both as service providers and employers are putting initiatives in place to support carers. The group are keen that this influences private businesses, but also that public sector organisations on South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Barnsley Place) are sharing good practice and continue to champion the needs of unpaid carers. Whilst recognising there is lots of evidence of good practice and plans in place to tackle the challenges, the TFG have made a number of recommendations to support continual improvement with a view to achieving local priorities and improving outcomes for the residents of Barnsley. In support of this, members would like to highlight the following:

5.2 **Recommendation 1 – Hold an All-Member Information Briefing (AMIB) to provide Elected Members with improved understanding of unpaid carers and available support services**

The group recognise the importance of all Elected Members being better informed regarding unpaid carers in Barnsley, the critical role they undertake and how they can best signpost them to various support services. Members are engaged in their local communities and will be able to utilise various channels to support raising awareness of unpaid carers and relevant support.

5.3 **Recommendation 2 – Berneslai Homes are represented on the Carers Strategy Steering Group**

Elected Members raised the important role Berneslai Homes have as the Council's social housing provider in helping to identify local unpaid carers who may be struggling and require referral to relevant support services. Berneslai Homes officers are embedded in communities and are going into local homes where they have opportunity to pick up on issues and help facilitate relevant support to be put in place.

5.4 **Recommendation 3 – Facilitate feedback from a young carer representative to the**

## **Carers Strategy Steering Group**

The group acknowledge the challenges of regularly having a young carer representative on stakeholder groups due to their limited availability and protecting their respite from their caring responsibilities. However, the group are keen to ensure that the voice of young carers is fed into the Carers Strategy Steering Group.

### **5.5 Recommendation 4 – Barnsley Young Carers Service meets with Barnsley Schools Alliance**

Having heard about the challenges faced in identifying young carers and the negative impact this can have on their education, the group are keen for Barnsley Young Carers Service to meet with Barnsley Schools Alliance to consider how they can best identify and meet the needs of young carers, by making reasonable adjustments and supporting young carers in schools. It is also important that Education Welfare Officers (EWOs) and other staff in schools are sighted on this work.

### **5.6 Recommendation 5 – Observations and conversations regarding unpaid carers are carefully captured during social work assessments**

The group are cognisant of the excellent social care workforce the council has and the challenges they face. Given the importance of unpaid carers, the TFG are keen to ensure that carers of all ages are being consistently identified and having their needs appropriately assessed and met.

### **5.7 Recommendation 6 – When commissioning new respite services, consider options which provide activities for carers at the same time**

In meeting local carers, the group heard directly about the benefits of unpaid carers having opportunity to come together and support each other. Therefore, in considering new respite care, the group suggested it could be helpful for services to offer activities in a separate area for carers at the same time, such as crafting, so they can utilise being at the same location to meet with other carers, knowing care for their loved one is in place.

### **5.8 Recommendation 7 – Strong links are made between commissioners for the adults and children's carers services**

The TFG are keen to ensure that officers commissioning services are working closely together to consider transition arrangements between the young person and adult carer services as well as have opportunity to share learning and best practice.

### **5.9 Recommendation 8 – Work is undertaken to explore what provision could be in place for young carers at Barnsley Youth Zone**

The group are mindful of the ongoing development of Barnsley Youth Zone and are keen for officers to explore with young carers, how they could be supported to utilise the available services, perhaps offering for example a young carer discount, or specific activity sessions for them.

## **6.0 NEXT STEPS**

6.1 This report is presented to the Committee for discussion and approval. Once approved by the Committee:-

- the Task and Finish Group Leads and the Chair of the Committee will present the report to Cabinet (for information only unless any recommendations are subject to a key decision).
- Scrutiny Officers will work with lead officers to provide an appropriate response report within the guidelines and timescales of the Terms of Reference for the Committee and the

Council's Constitution. The response reports will be added to the work programme of the Committee at the most appropriate time.

- 6.2 It should be noted that although there are no direct implications from this report; in preparing the response, the appropriate officers/services should fully assess and identify any implications relating to legal, finance, risk, equality, communications and employees that may impact the service as a result of the recommendations made by the committee.

## 7.0 GLOSSARY

AMIB	All-Member Information Briefing
BHNFT	Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
LD	Learning Disability
OSC	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
SEND	Special Educational Needs & Disabilities
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises (businesses)
SWYPFT	South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
SYICB	South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
TFG	Task and Finish Group
VCS	Voluntary & Community Sector

## 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Barnsley Carers' Strategy:  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/our-council/our-strategies/carers-strategy/>
- Barnsley Adult Carers Service:  
<https://barnsleycarers.co.uk/>
- Barnsley Young Carers Service:  
<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/priory-family-centre-young-carers-sibling-support-service>
- Adult Social Care: Information for Carers:  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/adult-social-care/information-for-carers/>
- Children's Social Care: Information for Young Carers:  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/young-people/young-carers/>
- Barnsley Adult Social Care Peer Review Report (Cab.22.01.2025/7):  
<https://barnsleymbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122067/Adult%20Social%20Care%20Peer%20Review%20Report.pdf>

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