

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Presentation of the Carers' Strategy 2017-2020

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with background to and current progress on the implementation of the Carers Strategy 2017-2020

2. Recommendations

2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:-

- Note progress on the development of the new Carers Strategy
- Recommend how the Strategy informs and contributes to the wider Health and Wellbeing priorities
- Recommends how the Board and its' partners will contribute to the implementation of the strategy

3. Introduction/ Background

3.1 The current Carers Strategy ran from 2013-2016. Since then there have been a number of changes in Health and Social care policy and strategic thinking, most notably the implementation of the Care Act 2014 placing a duty on local authorities to provide Carers Assessments.

3.2 Carers have been supported indirectly through commissioned services and more widely through Carers Grant (Better Care Fund) which has generated a wide variety of initiatives required to meet the objectives identified in the last Carers strategy as part of the application process.

3.3 A recent review of existing commissioned services, changes to policy and consultation with service providers and carers has identified the need to review and refresh the strategy.

4. Summary

4.1 Carer Support is currently fragmented in Barnsley, which means that there are still significant gaps in how carers are supported. We still don't know the full extent of carers in Barnsley but using national indicators on the value of carers the amount they contribute to health and social care is significant.

4.2 The strategy, developed using a co-produced model, identifies the gaps in support for carers and provides the outcomes we need to work towards to ensure that carers are supported as a major contributor to not only the health and wellbeing of the population but also to the Early Help and prevention agenda.

5. Conclusion/ Next Steps

5.1 The strategy acknowledges that there is a need to move towards a more comprehensive solution potentially to pool resource and consider a model which can enable a more co-ordinated and centralised carer support offer.

5.2 The strategy provides the direction to support a review of current financial and other resources to identify this and other solutions. (A strategic review based on current commissioning and grant activity is being undertaken to inform the business case and potential future commissioning intention to support this)

5.3 A strategy steering group comprising of Carers, providers, partners (including many who have contributed to the strategy development so far) will need to be established to identify and drive forward the actions we need to achieve the outcomes.

5.4 The implementation of the strategy relies on a borough commitment which can ensure that everyone can contribute to making Barnsley a carer friendly community

6. Financial Implications

6.1 A review of current financial arrangements that support carers is in progress to support the business case and options. It is envisaged that there could be an increased cost to support a new model which may not be covered by existing commissioning and grant resources used to support carers.

7. Consultation with stakeholders

7.1 Extensive consultation has already taken place with carers, providers and partners as follows

- Carers Survey May- September 2016

- Consultation with public through Carers Rights day November 2016
- Consultation with Carers and Friends group – Autumn 2016 – spring 2017
- Awareness raising session with Service User and Carer Board January 2017
- Carer support provider survey – December – January 2017
- Carers strategy planning workshop – February 2017 with representation from Carers and Service Users, CCG, Healthwatch, SWYFT, VCSE providers and BMBC directorate

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 Draft Carers Strategy

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