

Summary of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

Please note the Carers (Scotland) Act used Local Authorities and Health Boards in it's language. The Scottish Parliament subsequently issued regulations detailing the functions that could be delegated to amend schemes of Integration. The Dumfries and Galloway Scheme of Delegation was amended to accommodate the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

Duties of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016	Actions Taken
A duty on local authorities to prepare an adult Carer support plan (Section 6) or young Carer statement (Section 12) for anyone they identify as a Carer, or for any Carer who requests one.	Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carers Statements are in place. Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre are commissioned to undertake these plans and statements.
A duty on local authorities to set local eligibility criteria for Carer support (Section 21).	Local eligibility criteria were agreed by the IJB on 5 April 2018.
A duty on local authorities to provide support (Section 24) to Carers that meet local eligibility criteria.	Social Work provides this service.
A duty on local authorities to consider option of breaks from caring when undertaking support planning (Section 25).	Social Work provides this service.
A requirement that local authorities and health boards involve Carers in Carers' services, and to involve Carers in hospital discharge planning (Sections 27, 28, 29, 30).	<p>Carers are involved as representatives on the Integration Joint Board. Carers have also shaped and influenced the new commission for Carers Services.</p> <p>Carer involvement in hospital discharge is an ongoing project. Triangle of Care has been rolled out in Mid Park. Funding for a post in Acute and Diagnostics has secured and the job is currently being advertised. Learning from tests in two cottage hospitals is also being rolled out.</p>
A duty on local authorities and health boards to prepare a Carers strategy for their area (Section 31).	A local Carers Strategy was approved at the IJB in November 2017. Regular progress updates have been presented to the IJB Performance and Finance Committee.
A duty on local authorities to establish and maintain advice and information services for Carers (section 34).	<p>A range of Carers Organisations are commissioned to provide this service including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre Support in Mind Scotland Alzheimer Scotland User and Carer Involvement Parent Inclusion Network Relationship Scotland Dumfries and Galloway Advocacy Service
A duty on local authorities to produce a short breaks services statement (section 35).	A short breaks statement was approved by the IJB in November 2018.