



Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to  
Item 11 on the Agenda

# Dumfries & Galloway Carers Strategy 2017 - 2021

*(Paper presented by Vicky Freeman/Linda Owen)*

*For Approval*

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<b>List of Background Papers</b>	Draft Carers Strategy 2017 - 2021 IJB March 2017 The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – Dumfries & Galloway Carers Strategy 2017 - 2021 Appendix 2 - Delivery Plan Appendix 3 – Statement of Consultation Appendix 4 – Equality Impact Assessment

## SECTION 1: REPORT CONTENT

<b>Title/Subject:</b>	Dumfries & Galloway Carers Strategy 2017 - 2021
<b>Meeting:</b>	Integration Joint Board
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<b>Submitted By:</b>	Linda Owen, Strategic Planning & Commissioning Manager
<b>Action:</b>	For Approval

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the Integration Joint Board (IJB) agreed that work to develop a new Carers Strategy for Dumfries & Galloway 2017 – 2021 could commence. Attached in **Appendix 1** is the final draft Dumfries & Galloway Carers Strategy for 2017 – 2021.
- 1.2 Section 31 of The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 places a duty on local authorities and relevant health boards to jointly prepare a local Carers strategy. This duty comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 when The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 is due to commence.
- 1.3 Carers support services are noted as delegated by the Council to the Integration Joint Board in annex 2, part 2 of the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Scheme. Delegation includes responsibility for the planning and delivery of those services (Dumfries and Galloway Integration Scheme, page 2, paragraph 1.1)
- 1.4 The Scottish Government issued statutory guidance in relation to the preparation of Carers strategies in June 2017. The guidance confirms that the first *statutory* Carer strategies cannot take effect before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
- 1.5 A Carers strategy for Dumfries and Galloway to replace the Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy 2012–2017 has been developed. This newly developed strategy is seeking to be agreed and in place before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 therefore it will be a *non statutory* strategy.
- 1.6 In line with Scottish Government guidance, the local authority and health board must produce a *statutory* local Carers strategy either *within three years of the date of the decision retain the Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Plan or three years from the commencement date of the replacement strategic plan.*

## 2. Recommendations

### 2.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- **Approve the final draft of the Dumfries & Galloway Carers Strategy 2017 – 2021 and accompanying appendices**
- **Note that this is a *non statutory* strategy as determined by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016**

## 3. Main Body of the Report

- 3.1. This *non statutory* local Carers Strategy for Dumfries and Galloway (Appendix 1) includes the new requirements and duties contained within the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016. Final guidance on the implementation of the new Carers legislation for the preparation of *statutory* Carers strategies is awaited.
- 3.2. Attached in **Appendix 2**, is the draft delivery plan for the strategy as requested by the IJB at their meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 3.3. In the development of the Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy, engagement with the Carers Strategy Group, Carers Reference Group, Carers Interest Network and Carers was undertaken from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016, prior to the development of the first draft of the document.
- 3.4. A media campaign was undertaken with local press and radio coverage supported by social media to engage with Carers not involved in organisations or structures.
- 3.5. This first round of engagement and involvement resulted in 216 responses from Carers across Dumfries and Galloway. The five key themes and areas of focus that form the core of this strategy relate directly to the responses received from these Carers. From these the first draft document was developed.
- 3.6. Following the development of the first draft document and the IJB meeting in March 2017, a second round of engagement and involvement was undertaken across the region.
- 3.7. The final draft Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy reflects comments received during this second period of engagement and involvement.
- 3.8. Full details of the engagement and consultation process can be found in the Statement of Consultation (**Appendix 3**).
- 3.9. An equality impact assessment has been undertaken for this strategy. This resulted in no negative impacts. Full details of the assessment can be found in **Appendix 4**.
- 3.10. It should be noted that this is a strategy for Carers of all ages. As children's services provided by the Council sit out with the scope of the Integration Joint

Board, this strategy has been endorsed in regard to 'Young Carers' by the Children's Services Executive Group on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

#### **4. Conclusions**

- 4.1 There is currently no strategy for Carers in Dumfries and Galloway in place
- 4.2 Dumfries and Galloway can have a *non statutory* strategy for Carer in place up until those times noted in paragraph 1.5 of this paper
- 4.3 This Dumfries and Galloway Carers strategy is intended as a *non statutory* Carers strategy for Carers of all ages in Dumfries and Galloway

## **SECTION 2: COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNANCE STANDARDS**

### **5. Resource Implications**

Please see the resources section (8.2) in the Carers Strategy attached as Appendix 1.

### **6. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy**

6.1. Please see Chapter 1 of the Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy attached as Appendix 1.

### **7. Legal & Risk Implications**

7.1. There is an opportunity to put in place a *non statutory* Carers Strategy for Dumfries and Galloway prior to commencement of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 on 1 April 2018

### **8. Consultation**

8.1. A statement of consultation is attached in Appendix 3.

### **9. Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment**

9.1. An equality and human rights impact assessment has been undertaken. Please see Appendix 4

### **10. Glossary**

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