



Integration Joint Board

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# Draft Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy 2017-2020

*(Paper presented by Vicky Freeman)*

*Approval*

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<b>List of Background Papers</b>	Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/9/pdfs/asp_20160009_en.pdf">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/9/pdfs/asp_20160009_en.pdf</a> Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Plan <a href="http://www.dg-change.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/0175-15-Final-Health-Social-Care-Strategic-Plan.pdf">http://www.dg-change.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/0175-15-Final-Health-Social-Care-Strategic-Plan.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.dg-change.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/0175-15-">http://www.dg-change.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/0175-15-</a>

	<a href="#">Final-Health-Social-Care-Annexes.pdf</a>
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 - Draft Carers Strategy 2017-2020

## SECTION 1: REPORT CONTENT

<b>Title/Subject:</b>	Draft Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy 2017-2020
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<b>Action:</b>	For Noting

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 As agreed at the Health and Social Care Senior Management Team in June 2016, a draft Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy has been prepared for the period 2017-2020.

### 2. Recommendations

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

- **Note the further 3 month period of consultation from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Note the current situation with regard to the requirements of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 in relation to Statutory and Non Statutory Carers Strategies**
- **Note the level of engagement to date to develop the draft document**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Carers are recognised at a national level as a vital element in the provision of Health and Social Care.
- 3.2 One of the nine national health and wellbeing outcomes relates specifically to Carers
- 3.3 ***“People who provide unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and well-being, including reducing any negative impact of their caring role on their own well-being”***
- 3.4 In Dumfries & Galloway, Carers make up 9% of the population and of this group, 29% provide more than 50 hours of support a week. They are a vital component of the health and social care system. Unpaid Carers are the largest group of care providers in Scotland, providing more care than the NHS and Councils combined, avoiding costs of £10bn per annum (University of Leeds 2015).
- 3.5 The current Dumfries & Galloway Carers Strategy expires in 2017. A Carer is defined by the Scottish Government as a “person of any age who provides unpaid

help and support to a relative, friend or neighbour who cannot manage to live independently without the Carer's help due to frailty, illness, disability or addiction.

#### **4. Main Body of the Report**

- 4.1 The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 requires that all Local Authorities and NHS Boards have a joint Carers Strategy.
- 4.2 Further to a meeting in June 2016, work was undertaken with the Carers Strategy Group, the Carers Reference Group and the Carers Interest Network to develop a programme of engagement with Carers in September and October 2016. To engage with Carers who were not involved in any organisations or structures, a media campaign was undertaken with local press and radio coverage supported by a social media presence. This resulted in 207 responses from Carers across Dumfries and Galloway. These responses have provided the themes and areas of focus for the draft Carers Strategy which is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 4.3 Draft information received from the Scottish Government in early December 2016 has clarified that any strategy put in place before 1 April 2018 (commencement of the Act) will be classified as a *non statutory* Local Carers Strategy. There will be a period in which a *statutory* Local Carers Strategy should be produced. This period is dependent on the review date of the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan. Therefore depending on when the Dumfries & Galloway Health and Social Care Strategic Plan is formally reviewed, could mean that the requirement to have a *statutory* plan could be as late as 2021.
- 4.4 This *non statutory* Local Carers Strategy reflects the requirements contained within Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.
- 4.5 This draft document will be available for public consultation from Monday 3 April 2017 to Friday 30 June 2017 and will follow the National Standards for Community Engagement.
- 4.6 It should also be noted that whilst this is a strategy for the Integration Joint Board (IJB), this is also a strategy for Carers of all ages. As children's services provided by the Council sit out with the IJB, 'Young Carers' will be discussed with the Children's Service Executive Group as part of this process.
- 4.7 The final draft document is anticipated to be complete by late Summer/early Autumn 2017.

#### **5. Conclusions**

- 5.1 A new Carers Strategy for Dumfries and Galloway is needed from 2017. Until such times as the Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care is formally reviewed (and a period thereafter), the strategy for Carers being developed will be considered a *non statutory* strategic plan.

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

### **6. Resource Implications**

- 6.1. The assessment and analysis of the use of resources will help identify gaps and areas for future development, opening up further opportunities to develop options linked to our overall thinking on new models of care.
- 6.2. Within this approach, we will look to configure available investment to meet the requirements of this local Carers strategy and the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

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

- 7.1. This work links with National Health and Wellbeing Outcome 6: *“People who provide unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and well-being, including reducing any negative impact of their caring role on their own health and well-being.”*
- 7.2. This work will also contribute to the commitments in the Health and Social care Strategic Plan around Carers, in particular *“We will provide support to Carers (including the provision of short breaks) so that they can continue to care, if they so wish, in better health and have a life alongside caring.”*

### **8. Legal & Risk Implications**

- 8.1. There is an opportunity now, before the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 is implemented on 1 April 2018 to undertake preparatory work in the development of a Local Carers Strategy.

### **9. Consultation**

- 9.1. A survey was undertaken in September and October 2016 with Carers. This resulted in 207 responses. These responses are informing the new Carers Strategy 2017-2020.

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

- 10.1. Final draft document will be impact assessed.

### **11. Glossary**

- 11.1. None