

Integration Joint Board  
Clinical and Care Governance Committee

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Item 8 on the Agenda

# Carers (Scotland) Act Funding

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<b>Appendices:</b>	1. <b>Local Carers Act Funding</b> 2. <b>Process for Allocation of Carers Act Funding</b>

<b>Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both</b>	<b>Direction to:</b>	
	1. No Direction Required	X
	2. Dumfries and Galloway Council	
	3. NHS Dumfries and Galloway	
	4. Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway	

## 1. Introduction

1.1 In April 2021 Scottish Government increased funding to support implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016. This means that there is £222, 451 for the year 2021/22 available in Dumfries and Galloway to support Carers.

1.2 This paper provides

- an overview of Scottish Government Carers (Scotland) Act funding and how this is allocated locally
- an update on progress to date in making best use of the 2021/22 funding

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 **The Clinical and Care Governance Committee is asked to:**

- **Note the overview of the use of Scottish Government Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 funding**
- **Note the progress to date to make use of the 2021/22 funding**

## 3. 2021/22 Carers Act Funding

3.1 As outlined in the Supporting Carers paper to IJB on 27 May 2021 (see background papers) there is £222,451 plus £8,000 from 2020/21 to be allocated to support unpaid Carers in their caring role during 2021/22.

3.2 The available Carers Act Funding for 2021/22 was considered by the Carers Programme Board (CPB) at their meeting on 4 May 2021. Members agreed that, in partnership with Carers themselves and Carer support organisations, a process be developed that ensures an effective, inclusive and equitable approach is taken to considering the use of this funding.

3.3 This process was developed and agreed by the Carers Programme Board. A copy of the process is attached in **Appendix 2**.

3.4 Recognising the need to move at pace to support Carers the CPB invited proposals to provide immediate support to Carers in the short term. They also identified that some of the funding be used on a non-recurring basis to test change in order to ensure best value, take the opportunity to be innovative and achieve the maximum positive impact for Carers. Recurring funding proposals would also be considered and would require IJB approval.

3.5 The Carers Programme decided to initially promote two rounds of applications, the first from July – September to allow for proposals which are at an advanced stage and a second from late October – January for other proposals.

3.6 Eight proposals for Carers Act Funding were received in the first round of the process. Two proposals were not scored as they did not meet the criteria to support Carers and two organisations were advised that their proposals required further development before being considered. It is expected that these proposals will be resubmitted during the second round which is currently underway.

3.7. Four proposals were approved by the Carers Programme Board at their meeting on 2 September 2021:

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Funding 2021/22</b>
004	Care Training Consortium	Training for Carers (moving and handling as well as a suite of optional modules such as first aid, mental first aid and young Carers training)	£13,600
005	Animals Supporting People at Farmersfield Rest home for Elderly Donkeys (FRED)	Animal Assisted Therapy for Carers (12 month test of change – 1 to 1 animal therapy sessions)	£16,220
007	Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre	Improving Short Break Opportunities for Carers (full implementation of 'Respite' which offers businesses in the hospitality industry the opportunity to donate a break of some kind to Carers)	£52,420 (over 2 years)
008	Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership	Carer Facilitator for the Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership (embed Carer support across the partnership)	£75,236 (over 2 years)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£157,476</b>

3.8. The applicants have been advised of the funding and arrangements are being made to ensure full and robust evaluation of the outcomes that will be reported to the Carers Programme Board.

3.9. A second round of the process is currently underway. The timetable for this second round of funding is as follows.

Monday 25 October	Application proposals invited for round 2
Thursday 2 December (noon)	Deadline for proposals
Wednesday 9 December	Panel to consider proposals and develop recommendations for Carers Programme Board
Thursday 16 December	Recommendations from Panel considered by the Carers Programme Board
January 2022	Recommendations for Funding Approval to the Integration Joint Board

#### **4. Conclusions**

4.1 Additional Carers Act Funding has been made available to further support Carers in Dumfries and Galloway.

4.2 Following a process developed by the Carers Programme Board to ensure best and most equitable use of these funds four non-recurring funding proposals have been approved for 2021/22 at a total of £157,476.

4.3	A further round of applications will be considered by the Carers Programme Board in December 2021 and further updates will be provided to the IJB.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
5.1	The report sets out the Carers Act Funding since 2018/19 and highlights the unallocated funding of £222,451 plus £8,000 from 2020/21 available in 2021/22 to support Carers.
5.2	The process for the allocation of the remaining funding has been developed by the Carers Programme Board. The first round of funding applications has been completed with the second round currently underway.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy</b>
6.1	The subject links to the national Health and Wellbeing Outcomes for Carers which states: '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'.
6.2	<p>It also links to the current IJB Health and Social Care Strategic Plan which states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will provide support to Carers (including providing short breaks) so that they can continue to care, if they so wish, in better health and have a life alongside caring.</li> <li>• We will develop a consistent approach across the workforce to make sure that the needs of the Carer are identified and that Carers are supported in their own right.</li> <li>• We will work towards developing 'Carer Positive' as an approach across the Partnership; identifying staff that are Carers and supporting them in their own personal caring roles.</li> </ul>
6.3	<p>It also links to the draft Strategic Commissioning Intention SCI8:</p> <p>'People who deliver health and social care, including Carers and volunteers, are valued and fully supported to maintain their wellbeing and developed to achieve their potential.'</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Legal and Risk Implications</b>
7.1	Unpaid Carers in Scotland represent a larger workforce than the paid health and social care support workforces combined. Supporting Carers to maintain their caring role is widely acknowledged as vital for the long term sustainability of health and social care services.
7.2	There would be the potential for legal issues if the elements contained within the Carers Act were not delivered.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Consultation</b>
8.1	This update contains updates which were discussed at the 02 September 2021 Carers Programme Board meeting. The membership of this group is made up of representatives from the following groups/organisations:

- NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Carers Interest Network
- Scottish Care
- Carer Representatives on the IJB

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

9.1 The various strands of work outlined above will consider equalities implications and ensure that an Equalities Impact Assessment is completed at the appropriate time.

**10. Glossary**

10.1 All acronyms must be set out in full the first time they appear in a paper with the acronym following in brackets.

<b>CPB</b>	<b>Carers Programme Board</b>
<b>EQIA</b>	<b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b>
<b>IJB</b>	<b>Integration Joint Board</b>

## Appendix 1

### Carers Act Funding

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total	2021/22	Full Act Allocation
<b>Financial memorandum</b>	18,000,000	10,000,000	11,600,000	39,600,000	28,500,000	68,100,000
<b>Indicative Funding Allocations</b>						
Adult carers support plans	41,246	39,701	44,194	125,141	118,141	243,283
Young carer Statements	7,246	4,561	6,461	18,268	14,078	32,347
Information and advice	183,933	51,358	39,284	274,576	50,056	324,631
Duty to Support - Adults	207,399	167,843	220,701	595,943	625,910	1,221,853
Duty to Support - Young Carers	40,800	24,750	37,863	103,412	89,639	193,051
additional Short Breaks	131,540	39,870	30,497	201,907	38,859	240,766
Strategy	17,836	-	-	17,836	1,317	19,153
<b>D&amp;G Allocation</b>	<b>630,000</b>	<b>328,084</b>	<b>379,000</b>	<b>1,337,084</b>	<b>938,000</b>	<b>2,275,084</b>
<b>D&amp;G Allocations</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>Full Act Allocation</b>
Adult/Young carer Contracts/Information & Advice	195,000	142,500	170,046	507,546		507,546
Loss of Income	103,000			103,000		103,000
Duty to Support - Adults	260,000	45,500	198,000	503,500	625,910	1,129,410
Duty to Support - Children	60,000	15,000		75,000	89,639	164,639
Respite - beds/Shortbreaks		140,000	-	140,000		140,000
Underspend	12,000	-15,000	11,000	8,000		
	618,000	328,000	368,046	1,329,046	715,549	2,044,595
<b>Balance to allocate</b>				<b>8,000</b>	<b>222,451</b>	<b>230,451</b>