

Dumfries and Galloway  
Integration Joint Board

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

This Report relates to  
Item 11 on the Agenda

# Carers Act Funding

*Paper presented by Greg Black*

*For Approval*

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<b>List of Background Papers:</b>	<a href="#">Carers (Scotland) Act 2014</a> <a href="#">Dumfries and Galloway IJB Strategic Commissioning Plan 2021 – 2024</a> Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy 2017 – 2021 ( <a href="#">Carers Strategy</a> )
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1</b> - Carers Act Funding Process <b>Appendix 2</b> - Carers Act Funding Bids Summary <b>Appendix 3</b> - Carers Task Force Bid <b>Appendix 4</b> - Carer Programme Board Chair Statement of Evidence

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
1.1	Each year the Scottish Government provide funding to local authorities to support delivery of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2014.
1.2	<p>This paper provides an overview of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The process in place for allocating Carers Act Funding</li> <li>• The proposals received in the most recent round of Carers Act Funding bids</li> <li>• The proposals that have been approved for non-recurring funding</li> <li>• The Carers Task Force bid which requires recurring funding of £93,257 per annum and therefore requires the IJB to approve and issue a direction.</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p><b>The Integration Joint Board is asked to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Note the update on Carers Act Funding Proposals received to date</b></li> <li>• <b>Note the recommendation from the Chair of the Carers Programme Board to approve the recurring funding for the Carers Task Force</b></li> <li>• <b>Approve the allocation from the Carer Act budget recurring funding support for the Carers Task Force and issue a direction to NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council</b></li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Carers Act Funding</b>
3.1	<b>Background</b>
3.2	Unpaid Carers are the largest group of care providers in Scotland, providing more care and support than the NHS and Councils combined. Supporting Carers is a key area of priority for the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board (IJB) within their Strategic Commissioning Plan (SCP).
3.3	The Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Intention 6 states that ‘people who deliver health and social care and support, including Carers and volunteers, feel valued, are supported to maintain their wellbeing and enabled to achieve their potential.
3.4	<b>Carers Act Funding</b>
3.5	The Carers (Scotland) Act 2014 is funded based on a ‘financial memorandum’ model. The financial memorandum stipulates that the funding should be used specifically for implementation of the Carers Act. For example Carers Support Plans, duty to support Carers and development of a local Carers Strategy.
3.6	Costs associated with meeting the needs of unpaid Carers impact all areas of social care budgets, from the need for additional staffing in local authority, NHS, Independent and Third Sectors, through to the commitment of paid for care. That paid care can be to support a Carer as part of their Carer Support Plan or as a result of a social work assessment.
3.7	It is recognised that there is an increased need to fund the development of preventative and early intervention models of care and support to help reduce

pressure and demand, over the longer term, on more downstream supports. This should be considered as part of any commitments in relation to the Carers Act Funding. Integrating Carer support throughout our teams with the support of the Carers Task Force will assist in reducing re-admissions to hospital by signposting and supporting Carers to engage in suitable training and ensuring that the caring role is not negatively affecting the health and wellbeing of the Carer. Increasing levels of Carer Awareness across the Partnership will be a key element of the Carer Task Force work going forward.

- 3.8 Each year Dumfries and Galloway Council received approximately £2.3m per year to support Carers. The table below provides information on how this is used to support Carers by funding short breaks and meeting the local authority duties. The unallocated funding available for consideration by the Carers Programme Board is approximately £399,000 this year. The table below shows details of the Carers Act Funding allocations for Dumfries and Galloway.

Carers Act funding applied to D&G - Funding Allocations			Settlement indicative	653,000	Details	Cumulative
	Cumulative 21/22	Carers Act	Detail code	22/23		
Adult carers support plans	243,283	10.7%	Third sector contracts	69,828	contract uplifts/balance commissio	313,110
Young carer Statements	32,347	1.4%	Third sector contracts	9,284	contract uplifts/balance commissio	41,631
Information and advice	324,631	14.3%	Third sector contracts	93,176	balance commissioning	417,808
Duty to Support - Adults	1,221,853	53.7%	Adults care	350,699	SDS/respite/charges waived	1,572,552
Duty to Support - Young Carers	193,051	8.5%	C&F care	55,410	Childrens services/SDS/kinship/fo	248,461
additional Short Breaks	240,766	10.6%	Residential and Nursing	69,105	balance commissioning	309,872
Strategy	19,153	0.8%	Staff costs	5,497	staff cost uplifts	24,651
D&G Allocation	2,275,084			653,000		2,928,084
Commissioning spare *	209,000		Allocation	190,000		399,000

\* need to establish the future commitments from 21/22 awards, assume all were one off and funding is available for one off awards or for ongoing permanent commitmen

### 3.9 Carers Act Funding Process

- 3.10 As agreed by the IJB in May 2021, the Carers Programme Board (CPB) oversees the use of Carers Act Funding and has delegated authority to approve and allocate non-recurring use of it. Recurring Carers Act Funding proposals require the approval of the IJB.

- 3.11 Members of the CPB 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. Full details of the Carers Act Funding Process can be found in Appendix 1.

- 3.12 The process was used successfully to support several projects in 2021/22 and again in considering proposals received for 2022/23. An update on the 2021/22 was shared with the Clinical and Care Government Committee in November 2021.

### 3.13 2022/23 Funding

- 3.14 There is unallocated funding of £399,000 available from the Carers Act Funding for Dumfries and Galloway. These funds are available each year, although the exact amount is only announced on an annual basis.

- 3.15 Eleven proposals for Carers Act Funding were received from a range of third sector partners, details can be found in Appendix 2. At the CPB meeting on 17 November 2022, 5 of the 11 bids scored over 35. The 4 with non-recurring funding were all approved.

3.16	<b>Carers Task Force</b>
3.17	One bid, to further support the Carers Task Force, involves recurring funding and therefore requires IJB approval and a direction to NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council. The details of this bid can be found in Appendix 3.
3.18	The Carers Task Force was established in November 2021 to enable the Partnership to have an operational capacity to support Carers. The Carers Task Force comprises 1.8WTE members of staff, Carer Facilitator (0.8wte) employed on a fixed term contract by NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Commissioning Officer (1wte) on loan from the Commissioning Team employed by Dumfries and Galloway Council.
3.19	<p>The Task Force has been proven to be crucial during the current system pressures. Their successes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establishment of the first Carers Hub in DGRI, launched in June 2022. The hub is supported by the commissioned Carers support organisations and has been accessed by over 300 people seeking support. Work is underway to establish others across the region.</li> <li>• led the Carer Positive work, supporting NHS Dumfries and Galloway to achieve Exemplary status in June 2022.</li> <li>• led the Partnership arrangements for Carers Week (June 2022) and Carers Rights Day (November 2022)</li> <li>• Development of 'Think Carer' campaign</li> <li>• Creation of a new Carer Awareness training package</li> <li>• Support of the new Carer Training programme in DGRI</li> <li>• Development of a suite of Carer Support Materials</li> <li>• Organising workshops around the Adult Carer Support Plans</li> <li>• Assisting with Hospital Discharge through the support of Carers</li> <li>• Supporting the NHS Endowment Fund awards for Carer Organisations</li> <li>• Ensuring that Carers rights are represented in various project workstreams</li> <li>• Working collaboratively with Carers Support partners</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>
4.1	System pressures across the health and social care system mean that The Partnership is asking more of Carers in support their loved ones at home and their timely discharge from hospital. The establishment of a Carers Task Force has proved useful in ensuring that the Partnership supports Carers.
4.2	The CPB recognise and acknowledge the considerable difference that the Carers Task Force has meant to support Carers in Dumfries and Galloway. In consultation with the Carers Interest Network and Carers with lived experience they are fully supportive of making this a permanent arrangement by establishing long term, recurring funding. (Appendix 4 – Carers Programme Board Statement of Evidence).
4.3	The IJB is asked to approve the recurring funding of £93,257 for the Carers Task Force.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
5.1	The report highlights the unallocated funding of £399,000 available in 2022/23 to

	support Carers.						
5.2	The process for the allocation of the remaining funding has been developed by the Carers Programme Board.						
5.3	The annual cost of the Carers Task for would be £93,257.						
<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 Outcome 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	It also links to the Strategic Commissioning Intention SCI6 which states 'people who deliver health and social care and support, including Carers and volunteers, feel valued, are supported to maintain their wellbeing and enabled to achieve their potential.'						
<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.	<p>This update contains updates which were discussed at the 17 November 2022 Carers Programme Board meeting. The membership of this group is made up of representatives from the following groups/organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS Dumfries and Galloway</li> <li>• Dumfries and Galloway Council</li> <li>• Carers Interest Network</li> <li>• Scottish Care</li> <li>• Carers</li> </ul>						
<b>9.</b>	<b>Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment</b>						
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.						
<b>10.</b>	<b>Glossary</b>						
10.1.	All acronyms must be set out in full the first time they appear in a paper with the acronym following in brackets.						
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## Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board

### DIRECTION

#### (ISSUED UNDER SECTIONS 26-28 OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014)

1	Title of Direction and Reference Number	
2	Date Direction Issued by Integration Joint Board	<i>23 March 2023</i>
3	Date from which Direction takes effect	<i>1 April 2023</i>
4	Direction to	<i>NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council</i>
5	Does this direction supersede, amend or cancel a previous Direction? If yes, include the reference number(s)	<i>No</i>
6	Functions covered by Direction	<i>Supporting Carers</i>
7	Full text of Direction	Allocate recurring funding to support employment of 1.8 WTE staff to the Carers Task Force.
8	Budget allocated by Integration Joint Board to carry out Direction	£93,257 from Carers Act Funding
9	Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership meeting its legal obligations in relation to the Carers Act</li> <li>• Improved levels Carer Awareness across the Health and Social Care Partnership</li> <li>• Improved Partnership Support for unpaid Carers</li> <li>• Exemplary Level Carer Positive Level to be maintained for NHS Dumfries and Galloway</li> <li>• More organisations across Dumfries and Galloway to be encouraged to take part in Carer Positive Awards</li> <li>• Development of Carers Hub in DGRI to strive for continuous improvement in the service it delivers by working collaboratively with others</li> <li>• Development of more Carer Hubs for example in Galloway Community Hospital, Midpark and Mountainhall</li> <li>• Highly visible campaigns around Carers Week and Carers Rights Day</li> </ul>

1	Is there a need for engagement with the third sector in delivery of this direction?	YES	NO
			X
		<i>Third Sector Partners are members of the Carers Programme Board who are supportive of the Carers Task Force being employed by Statutory Partners. The impact that the Task Force has had on supporting Carers directly, but also working collaboratively with Third Sector Partners is welcome and now well established.</i>	
1	Performance Monitoring Arrangements	<i>The Carers Task Force is established and funded on a recurring basis.</i>	
1	Date Direction will be Reviewed	<i>31 March 2024</i>	



## Appendix 1 – Carers Act Funding Process

The Carers Programme Board agreed at their meeting on 4 May 2021 that a process would be developed for the allocation of Dumfries and Galloway Carers Act Funding.

At the Integration Joint Board (IJB) meeting on 27 May 2021, it was agreed that proposals for the allocation of the above Carers Act Funding on a recurring basis be presented to the IJB meeting for approval. The Carers Programme Board therefore can only approve non-recurring funding bids.

A process for the allocation of funding has been developed that seeks to ensure that an effective, inclusive and equitable approach to the allocation of this funding is taken. The process is based on the best practice and lessons learnt from previous funding processes.

The process involves a Carers Funding Panel to consider applications and provide advice to the Carers Programme Board.

The process for funding applications includes

- Wide circulation of invitation to submit an application for funding.
- Completion of a Funding Application Template submitted to the Carers Funding Panel.
- The Carers Funding Panel will consider proposals for funding against agreed criteria and make recommendations to the Carers Programme Board regarding applications to be supported.
- Carers Programme Board to make recommendations on the use of available funding on a recurring basis to IJB.
- IJB to consider and approve recommendations from Carers Programme Board.
- Successful/Unsuccessful Funding Applications to be informed of outcomes The following criteria will be used to assess proposals received.

The following criteria will be used to assess proposals received

- **Strategic Fit** – How fits with local and national strategy, policy and guidance such as IJB Strategic Commissioning Plan and Carers Act.
- **Effectiveness** – How the needs of Carers will be met. The aims and expected outcomes and how these will be evaluated.
- **Deliverability** – Description of the availability of resources (eg workforce, premises, equipment) to deliver and
- **Sustainability** – Description of an exit strategy or sustainability plan
- **Affordability** – Outline of the cost and an assessment of the value for money
- **Risk** – Assessment of the risk of progressing or not progressing the proposal

Each proposal will be scored against each criterion. These scores will be aggregated to determine an overall score. Each criterion will have the same weighting.

Proposals scoring 35/60 and above are recommended to the Carers Programme Board for approval.

## Appendix 2 – Carers Act Funding Bids 2022/23

Proposal Number	Applicant	Title	Funding Requested – Year 1	Funding Requested post Year 1	Score /60	Outcome of bid
030	Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre	Improving the Adult Carers Support Service	£22,325	£18,211 year 2 only (non-recurring)	48	Approved by Carers Programme Board
031	Dumfries and Galloway Advocacy Service	Being Heard - Independent Advocacy for Carers	£19,350	£19,350 for year 2 only (non-recurring)	Not scored	Requires further development before resubmission
032	Strategic Planning and Transformation Directorate	Modernising Performance Monitoring of Carers Services	£47,438 (non-recurring)	-	Not scored	Requires funding from another source
033	CTC	Development of an App	£65,160	£10,440 (non-recurring)	Not Scored	Requires further development before resubmission
034	CTC	A rolling programme of classroom training	£30,210	£33,231 (non-recurring)	45	Approved by Carers Programme Board
035	CTC	Virtual Reality as a way for Unpaid Carers to learn and connect	£53,248.00 (non-recurring)		Not Scored	Requires further development before resubmission
036	CTC	The Brake project	£4,650 (non-recurring)	-	45	Approved by Carers Programme Board
037	CTC	ECHO Group	£9,316	£10,247.60 (non-recurring)	49	Approved by Carers Programme Board
038	Strategic Planning and Transformation Directorate	Carers Task Force	£11,750 aprox	£66,584 Year 2 £93,257 for a full year	47	Requires IJB or equivalent committee approval
039	Strategic Planning and Transformation Directorate	Jointly App	£3,500 +£700 VAT (non-recurring)	-	Not Scored	Requires further development before resubmission
040	UCI	Carers Peer Support Network	£18,253.84	£19,353.84 (non-recurring)	Not Scored	Duplication of ECHO group bid which was felt to be a stronger bid

## Appendix 3 – Carers Task Force Bid



### Dumfries and Galloway Carers Programme Board Carers Act Funding Application

*Please ensure that ALL sections are completed*

#### Title of proposal

**Carers Task Force**

#### Name of Organisation/Department Leading the Project

Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership

#### Contact Details (Name, Address, Email and Phone Number) of Lead Contact

Kerry Willacy, Strategic Planning and Commissioning Manager

#### Description of proposal (approx 500 words)

The Carers Task Force was established in November 2021 with the aim of providing increased operational capacity around the Partnership's work to support unpaid Carers across Dumfries and Galloway.

At the current time, the Task Force is made up of:

- Commissioning Officer (temporary unfunded secondment)
- Carer Facilitator (24 month post)

Due to pressure on the Commissioning Team, the Commissioning Officer's time on the Task Force has been reduced to 3 days per week. For the Task Force to be able to operate at full capacity, funding is required to allow the Commissioning Officer post to be back-filled which will allow the Commissioning Officer to focus on Carers Task Force work full-time.

This bid proposes making both the Commissioning Officer post and the Carer Facilitator post permanent rather than fixed term/secondments to ensure the long term future of the Carers Task Force.

Unpaid Carers were recognised as a key area of focus in the Independent Review of Adult Social Care was led by Derek Feeley and was published by the Scottish Government on 3 February 2021. The proposed development of the National Care Service will put an added focus on unpaid Carers and

the work undertaken by the Partnership to support them.

Since its inception, the Carers Task Force has been taking forward a range of work including:

- Working with staff across the Partnership to deal with problems/issues faced by Carers
- Working with national partners on the development of the new Equal Partners in Care (EPiC) training module, due to be launched next year
- Development of Carer Awareness Training
- Development of a Carers Ambassador Programme the promotion of Carer Awareness across the Partnership
- Supporting Carers during the hospital discharge process
- Creation of animations
- A Carers Survey focused on Health and Social Care Partnership staff
- Work with DGRI volunteers
- Supporting the Carers Relief Emergency Fund
- Working with NHS Endowments on Final Project Reports
- Linking with the Working Well Project Manager
- Planning evaluations of Carers Act Funded projects
- Working on a Carer Discount in NHS Cafe facilities
- Working with Public Health on the Carer Immunisation Programme
- Membership of the Improving the Cancer Journey Patient and Carer Experience Group
- Co-ordinating the application for the Exemplary (Level 3) Carer Positive Award for NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Developing a range of materials (leaflets, posters, cards) to inform Carers (including staff who are Carers) on the range of support available to them
- Developing electronic signs which are available on screens across primary and secondary care
- Development of a Carers Hub in DGRI with plans for further resource rooms in locations across the region
- Supporting the day to day running of the Carers Hub
- Supporting the review of Adult Support Plan Documentation
- Including Carers in the Equality Impact Assessment Process
- Planning activities around Carers Week and Carers Rights Day

Regular updates have been provided to the Carers Programme Board.

Feedback on the work of the Carers Task Force has been very positive and encouraging. There is now a need to build on these strong foundations with some increased certainty about staffing in the longer term.

#### **How does this proposal fit with national and local policy and direction in relation to Carers?**

This proposal supports the Carers Act and the improved support of Carers across the Partnership in line with the development of the National Care Service and the content of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care.

**Aims and expected outcomes**

- Partnership meeting its legal obligations in relation to the Carers Act
- Improved levels Carer Awareness across the Health and Social Care Partnership
- Improved Partnership Support for unpaid Carers
- Exemplary Level Carer Positive Level to be maintained for NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- More organisations across Dumfries and Galloway to be encouraged to take part in Carer Positive Awards
- Development of Carers Hub in DGRI to strive for continuous improvement in the service it delivers by working collaboratively with others
- Development of more Carer Hubs for example in Galloway Community Hospital, Midpark and Mountainhall
- Highly visible campaigns around Carers Week and Carers Rights Day

**How will this be evaluated?**

Regular updates will be provided to the Carers Programme Board.

**Who has been involved in the development of this Proposal?**

Carers Task Force, Strategic Planning and Commissioning, Carers Programme Board discussions.

**What is the anticipated timeline for delivery?**

If approved, the Commissioning Post can be advertised and backfilled as quickly as possible to allow the Commissioning Officer to focus on Carers full time.

**How Much Funding is Being Requested?**

£47,000 additional for this year - £93,257 for a full year

**How will the Money be Spent?**

£46, 257 for NHS Carer Facilitator Role (already agreed until 31.10.23 so not additional spend for this year or for 7 months of next year)

£47, 000 for Commissioning Role backfill

**Describe the Exit Strategy or Sustainability Plan**

The work of the Carers Task Force will be monitored by regular updates to the Carers Programme Board.

The work to support Carers will never go away. There is therefore a need to embed this support in the long-term plans of the Health and Social Care Partnership.

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<b>What are the identified risks in relation to what is being proposed?</b>
<p>If the Carers Task Force were not to continue, the Partnership would risk not being able to meet its legal requirements to involve Carers in hospital discharge discussions.</p> <p>The Partnership would also lose its operational capacity to support unpaid Carers at a time when Carers are being asked to step up and offer more support as a result of serious system pressures. There is a risk that the staff involved will seek permanent roles due to the economic environment and we lose the significant expertise that has been built up within the Task Force.</p>

**For Carers Programme Board use only:**

<b>Project Accepted/Rejected</b>	<b>Rationale</b>

<b>Feedback to Proposal Lead and Date of Feedback</b>

## Appendix 4 – Carers Act Funding Statement of Evidence

Please note that in the interests of confidentiality Appendices A, B and C are excerpts from wider documents that contain details of all bids.

Statement of Evidence  
Carers Act Funding 2022/23  
Carers Task Force Bid

### Carers Act Funding Panel Scoring

The funding panel met on 10 November 2022 and scored the funding bids according to the process which had been agreed for the 2021/22 funding year. The scoring table is included in **Appendix A**.

### Carers Programme Board Paper

The Carers Programme Board considered the recommendations from the Carers Act Funding Panel at their meeting on 17 November 2022. The report on Carers Act Funding presented to the Carers Programme Board is included in **Appendix B**.

### Minute of Carers Programme Board

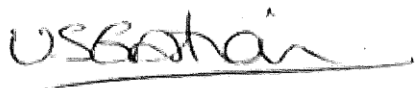
The minute of the meeting, confirming that the Carers Programme Board approved the recommendations of the Funding Panel is contained in **Appendix C**.

### Recommendation

The Carers Programme Board therefore recommends that the IJB approves the recurring funding for the Carers Task Force.



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Lesley Bryce – Chair of the Carers Programme Board



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Viv Gratton – Vice Chair of the Carers Programme Board

## Appendix A – Scoring Sheet

Proposal Number	Strategic Fit (10)	Effectiveness (10)	Deliverability (10)	Sustainability (10)	Affordability (10)	Risk (10)	TOTAL (60)
038	8	8	8	7	8	8	47

## Appendix B – Carers Programme Board Paper



Dumfries and Galloway  
Carers Programme Board

17 November 2022

This Report relates to  
Item 12 on the Agenda

# Carers Act Funding 2022/23

*Paper presented by Kerry Willacy*

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<b>List of Background Papers:</b>	Not Required
<b>Appendices:</b>	Carers Act Funding Proposals November 2022 (Proposals 030-040) Carers Act Funding Scoring Table

11.	<b>Introduction</b>													
6.3	This paper provides an update on the proposals received for Carers Act Funding for 2022/3 and the recommendations from the Carers Act Funding Panel.													
12.	<b>Recommendations</b>													
7.1	<b>The Carers Programme Board is asked to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Approve the recommendations from the Carers Act Funding Panel in relation to the allocation of Carers Act Funding</b></li></ul>													
13.	<b>Background and Main Report</b>													
8.1	There is £360,000 of unallocated Carers Act Funding for the financial year 2022/23.													
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- **Affordability** – Outline of the cost and an assessment of the value for money
- **Risk** – Assessment of the risk of progressing or not progressing the proposal

8.4 Each proposal was scored against each criterion. These scores were then aggregated to determine an overall score. Each criterion had the same weighting.

8.5 The proposals were scored and ranked as follows:

**Proposals to be recommended to the Carers Programme Board to be taken forward as scoring 35/60 and above (in order of highest scores)**

1. 037
2. 030
3. 038 Carers Task Force (recurring funding therefore requires IJB approval)
4. 034
5. 036

**Proposals requiring further discussions with a recommendation that revised proposal come back to a future Carers Programme Board meeting (in order of highest score)**

6. 032
7. 033
8. 035
9. 039

**Proposals not being taken forward**

- 10.031
- 11.040

8.6 The Carer Act Funding Panel therefore recommends the following proposals be approved by the Carers Programme Board.

- 037
- 030
- 038 Carers Task Force
- 034
- 036

8.7 All proposals that are being taken forward which do not require recurring funding are able to be recommended for approval by the Carers Programme Board. Those seeking recurring funding are required to go to the IJB for approval.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1. The Carers Programme Board is asked to approve the recommendations from the Carers Act Funding Panel for the allocation of Carers Act Funding.

## Appendix C – Minute of Carers Programme Board

**Meeting:** Carers Programme Board

**Date:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 2.30pm

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams




### PRESENT:

Lesley Bryce	<b>LB</b>	<b>Chair – Carer</b>
Viv Gration	<b>VG</b>	<b>Vice Chair - Deputy Head of Strategic Planning and Commissioning</b>
Claudine Brindle	<b>CB</b>	Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre
Larel Currie	<b>LC</b>	Commissioning Officer
Elizabeth Forsyth	<b>EF</b>	Strategy Support Manager,
Hannah Green	<b>AM</b>	EA to Viv Gration, Deputy Head of Strategic Planning and Commissioning
Clark Adams	<b>CA</b>	Carer Facilitator
Kerry Willacy	<b>KW</b>	Strategic Planning and Commissioning Manager,
Ananda Allan	<b>AA</b>	Performance and Intelligence Manager
Barbara Aitken	<b>BA</b>	Lead Social Work Manager

### APOLOGIES:

Niomi Nichol	<b>NN</b>	Health and Social Care Engagement Manager, Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
Katy Kerr	<b>KK</b>	Chief Finance Officer

### FINANCE

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1.		<p><b>Carers Act Funding – 2022/23</b></p> <p></p> <p>12. Carers Act Funding.docx</p> <p>Clark Adams, Larel Currie and Liz Forsyth left the meeting due to not being members.</p> <p>KW reflected on the 11 bids that we have received. 5 bids have been recommended by the funding panel to be approved. The Carers Programme board can approve non recurring funding itself.</p> <p>KW confirmed that the carers task force does require recurring funding so that needs to go to the IJB for approval.</p> <p>The paper outlines the scoring that the panel undertook against the 6 criteria.</p>

		The group approved the bids and recommend the recurring bid to the IJB and to re-evaluate some of the other bids, requiring more information in January.
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