

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group	
Held on:	20th May 2025	
Agenda item:	8	
Title:	Adult Carers Strategy - Update	
Summary: Following on from the Adult Carers paper discussed at SPAG on 18 th March 2025, the purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on progress around the consultation as we develop a refreshed Adult Carers Strategy.		
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Recommendations: It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group: I. Note the progress being made and the early consultation feedback received in refreshing the Adult Carers Strategy; and II. Note that progress reports on the revised strategy development will be brought to next SPAG meeting until the final strategy is approved at IJB.		
Route to meeting: The previous Carers Strategy 2019-2024 has now concluded, and we are in the consultation phase of developing a refreshed strategy for adult carers. The planned approach and timeline (Appendix 1) in developing a refreshed Adult Carers strategy was presented to the Performance and Audit Committee in March 2025.		
Directions: 1. No Directions Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Directions to both SAC & NHS <input type="checkbox"/>		Implications: Financial <input type="checkbox"/> HR <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Equalities <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICT <input type="checkbox"/>

ADULT CARERS STRATEGY – UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Following on from the Adult Carers paper discussed at SPAG on 18th March 2025, the purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on progress around the consultation as we develop a refreshed Adult Carers Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group:

- I. Note the progress being made and the early consultation feedback received in refreshing the Adult Carers Strategy; and**
- II. Note that progress reports on the revised strategy development will be brought to next SPAG meeting until the final strategy is approved at IJB.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The refresh of the Adult Carers Strategy commenced in January 2025. We considered from the outset both learning from the previous strategy alongside the updated Scottish Government National Strategy 2022 and more recent updated statutory guidance.
- 3.2 Our timetable for this work is set out below and we have an engagement plan in place that ensures our consultation and engagement with carers to gather their lived experience feedback covers all our localities.
- 3.3 Our timeline for strategy development is as follows:

Strategic Context and Policy Review Engagement Workshop for key Stakeholders across South Ayrshire	March 2025
Early Consultation and Engagement with Carers and wider stakeholders.	March – April 2025
Commence Strategy Development/Writing	May – June 2025
Further Engagement on draft proposals	June – August 2025
Final Amendments to Strategy and Action Plan	August 2025
Agreement at IJB – Staggered approach to agreement	Autumn/Winter 2025
Monitoring of delivery plan at IJB's Performance and Audit committee	From early 2026

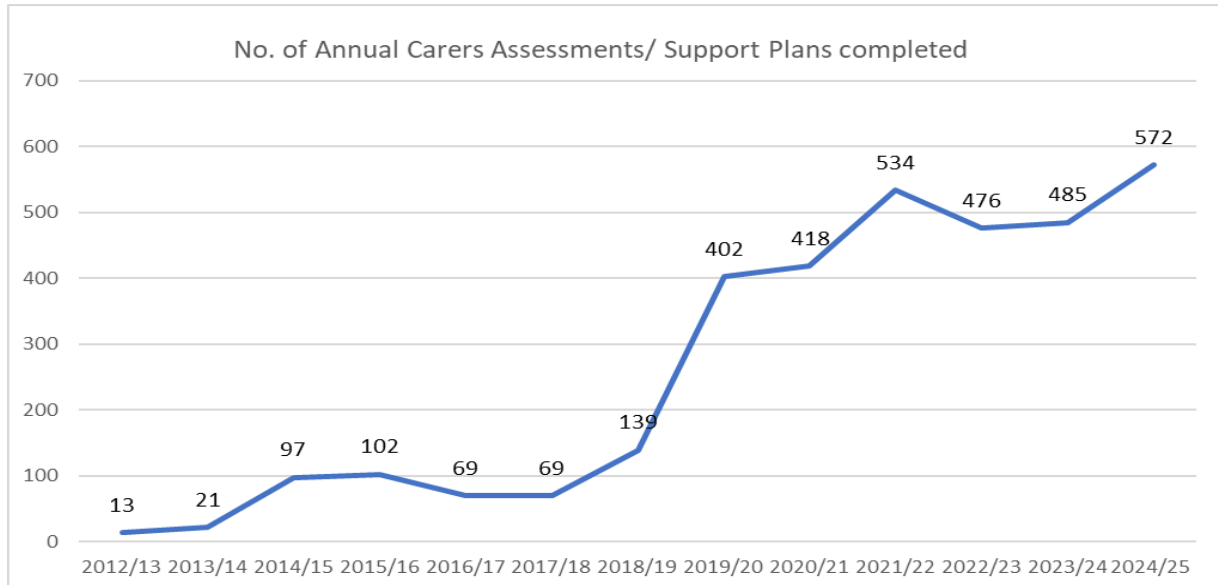
4. REPORT

- 4.1 We are continuing to develop an Integrated Impact Assessment; explore the current policy landscape and carry out local engagement sessions across all localities. The chart below sets out who we have consulted with so far alongside the scheduled sessions that are included in our communication and engagement plan.

Consultation Sessions Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality Planning Partnerships: Maybole, Ayr North & South & Prestwick • Crossroads Care Service • Cosy Spaces • Community Gardens Girvan • Carrick Centre Maybole (The Pantry Food bank, mother & toddlers' group, Vibrant Communities group) • Workforce Engagement event • Ayr Carers Event • Alzheimer's Scotland Social group • Carers Gateway Reference group • Engagement objectives have been shared via South Ayrshire Mailing list.
Scheduled Consultation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality Planning Partnerships: Troon & Girvan • Community Planning Participation and Engagement Group • Ayr Utd Honest Men Strollers • Troon Carers Event, • Young Adult Carers group • South Ayrshire Wellbeing Pledge • League of Champions Board • Care at Home forum • Ageing Well Champions Board • Care Home Forum • Carers week (9-13th June)

- 4.2 All consultation is being carried out and supported by the Adult Carers Policy Officer alongside support from Planning and Performance to ensure the timeline and development of the strategy remains on track.
- 4.3 The Adult Carers Strategic Planning Group continues to meet monthly and is being utilised as a steering group to provide governance and monitor progress. This group is made up of senior operational staff from across adult services and also includes wider sector stakeholders.

- 4.4 It is worth noting that as we continue to consult and develop our new Carers Strategy, we are also continually monitoring our current approach to supporting carers. As set out below, this year has seen the highest number on record of Adult Carers Support Plans completed by our statutory teams, and we are keen to highlight and continue this progress moving forward.



- 4.5 We are also planning for Carers Week from 9th to 15th June with the theme this year 'Caring about Equality.' The Carers Centre in Ayr are taking the lead this year for delivering carers week and this will provide a range of activities, information and advice sessions all aimed at identifying and supporting carers across South Ayrshire. Leisure services have also agreed to provide free access to all leisure activities for adult carers throughout carers week.



Carers Week planner

9th - 15th June 2025



**ADULT CARERS
LEISURE CARD**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Troon Cafe Lido Marr Awareness* Kyle Awareness*	Girvan Cafe Community Gardens Girvan Academy Awareness*	Thriving Communities Event Riverside	Health & Wellbeing Day @ Carers Service Ayr Academy Awareness*	Prestwick Cafe 65 Club Prestwick Academy Awareness*
Maybole Cafe Carrick Centre Carrick Academy Awareness* YC - CAT CAFE X2 *	Town Hall Event Belmont Academy Awareness* YC Bowling & Go Karting*	Thriving Communities Event Riverside	Health & Wellbeing Day @ Carers Service YC Edinburgh Zoo	VASA Adult Carers Disco QMA Awareness* YC Roller Disco*
Wellness in SATURDAY Employment		SUNDAY Online		

- 4.6 The programme of activities for carers week will provide events covering all our localities. Carers week will first and foremost be an opportunity to identify

and celebrate the role of unpaid carers and at the same time we can use the opportunity to gather feedback to inform the development of our new strategy.

- 4.7 We will continue to work in line with our strategy timeline as set out in (Appendix 1) of this report with the plan to take a finalised strategy document to the IJB for sign off in September 2025.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 The Carers Strategy will align to the following strategic objectives:

- We nurture and are part of communities that care for each other.
- We work together to give you the right care in the right place.
- We help build communities where people are safe.
- We are transparent and listen to you.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

- 6.1.1 There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

- 6.2.1 There are no human resource implications to agreeing this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 There are no legal implications to agreeing this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

- 6.4.1 A detailed Integrated Impact Assessment is underway and will be completed as part of developing a refreshed Carers Strategy. The new Integrated Impact Assessment Tool will be used and completed in line with the aforementioned strategy development timescales.

6.5 Sustainability implications

- 6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications to agreeing to this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

- 6.6.1 There is no requirement for clinical/professional assessment for this specific report.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- 7.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with relevant officers.

- 7.2 Significant consultation will continue to be undertaken during the preparation of the strategy. A full range of citizens, partners and stakeholders will be encouraged to participate. A communication and engagement plan will set out the course or activity.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 There are no risks in agreeing this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Process Timeline