

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board	
Held on	17th February 2021	
Agenda Item:	8	
Title:	Young Carers Strategy	
Summary:		
<p>The purpose of this report is to present a proposed Young Carers Strategy (Appendix 1) to IJB members for approval.</p>		
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Recommendations:		
It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board		
i. Approve the proposed Young Carers Strategy		
Route to meeting:		
<p>Iterations of the attached Young Carers Strategy have been reviewed within the Council and the Community Planning Partnership, drafting was led by an officer-based working group.</p>		
Directions:	Implications:	
1. No Directions Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran <input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS <input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

SOUTH AYRSHIRE YOUNG CARERS STRATEGY 2021-26

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present a proposed Young Carers Strategy to IJB members for approval.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board

- i. Approve the draft South Ayrshire Young Carers Strategy; and**
- ii. Ensure regular progress reporting on the associated Implementation Plan through the Partnership Performance and Audit Committee.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Carers Scotland Act (2016) sets out statutory requirements for Health Boards and Local Authorities to develop local Carers and Young Carers Strategies.
- 3.2 The legal duties were subsequently delegated to Health and Social Care Partnerships across Scotland
- 3.3 The Act sets out duties as regards to young carers which are:
- A duty to prepare and review Young Carer Statements;
 - Establishment of local eligibility criteria for services for young carers;
 - A duty to provide support;
 - A duty to involve young carers in the planning of services;
 - A duty to establish and maintain an information service for carers and to produce a short break services statement; and
 - A duty to develop local carers' strategies
- 3.4 A decision was taken in South Ayrshire to develop discrete Adult and Young Carers Strategies albeit recognising the need for significant linkage.
- 3.5 South Ayrshire IJB approved the Adult Carers Strategy (2019-24) in 2019.
- 3.6 The draft Young Carers Strategy has been developed through a lengthy and iterative process involving young carers themselves but also ensuring that the work to support young carers is seen as integral to wider integrated Children's Service Planning based around GIREFC principles and SHANNARI outcomes.
- 3.7 The work supporting young carers also forms part of the Local Outcome Improvement Priorities reported through the Community Planning Partnership.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 The Young Carers Strategy was developed through consultation with young carers, organisations and professions supporting young carers and the wider Integrated Children's Service Planning and Community Planning groupings.
- 4.2 The Strategy is based on the requirements of the Carers Scotland Act (2016) but most significantly the needs and concerns raised through the engagement with local young carers. Direct quotes from young carers are utilised within the body of the Strategy to strengthen this link.
- 4.3 The genesis of the Strategy has also been linked to the ambition to locate the support for young carers within broader Integrated Children's Service Planning rooted in 'Getting it Right for Every Child' principles/framework and the related SHANNARI outcomes.
- 4.4 The outworking of support also emphasises the central place of school and the 'Team around the School' in the support process.
- 4.5 The Strategy sets out the way young carers may be offered support through the use of the Young Carers Statement and the link to formal Self Directed Support options as well as more upstream and preventative interventions
- 4.6 The Strategy is rooted in the ambition of Community Planning Partners to make young carers a priority (in terms of LOIP) and sets out a range of related support spread throughout the CPP Partners
- 4.7 The Strategy is framed around the following ambitions linked to SHANNARI outcomes:
- I am safe, health and active
 - I am nurtured, achieving and respected
 - I am responsible and included
- 4.8 Like the Adult Carers Strategy, the Implementation Plan will be monitored through the Performance and Audit Committee of the IJB, but also through the reporting of the SDP for Children's Services into the Community Planning Board.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 The Strategy links to the following Strategic Objectives:
- We will protect vulnerable children and adults from harm
 - We will work to provide the best possible start in life for children
 - We will reduce health inequalities
 - We will support people to exercise choice and control in the achievement of their personal outcomes

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 Young Carers who meet critical level of eligibility are entitled to a range of supports through the SDS process and options.

6.1.2 Some of the proposed actions in the Implementation Plan require resources from HSCP and other, wider CPP partners although many of these are 'in kind'

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 Consideration is being given to dedicated staff resource to support carers and young carers, particularly implementation of Carers Scotland Act.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 The Strategy fulfils part of the legal requirements of the Carers Scotland Act (2016)

6.4 Equalities implications

None

6.5 Sustainability implications

None

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 None

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 The development process for the Strategy was iterative and included a significant amount of engagement with Young Carers, Carers organisations and key HSCP and wider Children's Services staff.

7.2 The draft Strategy was the subject of formal Consultation from December 2020 to the end of January 2021.

7.3 The responses were limited in number but mainly positive about the Strategy. Other points that were made have informed the final iteration of the Strategy.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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