

<b>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	<b>Performance &amp; Audit Committee</b>
<b>Held on</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Item 8</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Progress Report on Young Carers Strategy 2021-2026</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	
<p>The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Performance and Audit Committee on the progress of the actions contained within the Young Carers Strategy.</p>	
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	
<p><b>It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Note the updated action plan attached at Appendix 1 and</b></li> <li><b>ii. provide any comment in relation to this progress.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Route to meeting:</b>	
<p>First progress report submitted to the Performance and Audit Committee. The Young Carers Strategy was approved at the meeting of the Integration Joint Board on 12 February 2021.</p>	
<b>Implications:</b>	
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

## PROGRESS REPORT ON YOUNG CARERS STRATEGY 2021-2026

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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### 2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee**

- i. Note the updated action plan attached at Appendix 1 and**
- ii. provide any comment in relation to this progress.**







### 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. The legal duties were subsequently delegated to Health and Social Care Partnerships across Scotland.
- 3.2 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
- 3.3 A decision was taken in South Ayrshire to develop discrete Adult and Young Carers Strategies albeit recognising the need for significant linkage. South Ayrshire IJB approved the Adult Carers Strategy (2019-24) in 2019.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.

- 3.6 The Young Carers Strategy and associated Implementation Plan was approved by the [Integration Joint Board on 12 February 2021](#). This paper provides an update on the progress made against all areas of the Action Plan, in keeping with the IJB's agreement to remit monitoring of delivery to the Performance and Audit Committee.
- 3.7 The Implementation Plan is designed to take forward key strategic outcomes.
- 3.8 This report and the attached update, produced through the performance monitoring system (Pentana) (see Appendix 1), provides a further update on each individual action item contained within the Implementation Plan.

#### 4. REPORT

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Performance and Audit Committee considers the progress that has been made against the actions set out in the Young Carers Strategy 2021-2026. The Strategy has now been in place for one year and early progress has been made to date.
- 4.2 A summary table is provided below:

Status	Number
 Completed	5
 On target	26
 Showing some concerns	3
 Not on target	0
 Not due to start	0
 Superseded by new action/strategy	0

- 4.3 The Performance and Audit Committee may wish to note the following highlights, under each of the Strategy's themes:
1. I am safe, healthy and active
  2. I am nurtured, achieving and respected
  3. I am responsible and included

#### I am safe, healthy and active

- 4.4 Work is ongoing to appoint a Young Carers Coordinator to lead on the delivery of the Young Carers Strategy Implementation Plan.
- 4.5 An awareness raising session of young carers, their rights and the Carer Positive Accreditation is going to be delivered to Community Planning Partners and South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership's Communications Officer is developing a local campaign.
- 4.6 Awareness raising with Pupil Support Coordinators continues. Young Carers Centre remain the first contact point.

- 4.7 Work is ongoing to identify use of IT systems to provide easier identification and tracking of young carers.
- 4.8 A review of the current procedure for the Young Carers Statement is in progress with potential use of Mind of My Own (MOMO). The Young Carer Statement will be added to CareFirst to allow data analysis.
- 4.9 COVID-19 funding has been identified and used for various needs (e.g., respite funding) where available. The Scottish or National Government as well as others streams for Young Carers have been accessed and distributed by the Carers Centre to young carers and their families. Currently, there is funding available through the Winter Wellbeing Support Fund which has been shared across the HSCP, Council and Partners to support respite activities as well as offering a hardship fund.

#### I am nurtured, achieving and respected

- 4.10 South Ayrshire Council have approved Young Carers Modern Apprentice Guarantee to support young carers into Modern Apprenticeships. The main challenge we have at the moment with this action to support young carers through education, training and employment including our modern apprenticeship programme is how we identify young people who are young carers. Thriving Communities have updated registration paperwork that now asks young people or parents/guardians to identify themselves as young carers.
- 4.11 Appointment of Young Carers Lead will enable the formation of Carers Reference Group to listen to the experiences of young carers' experiences through a variety of methods.

#### I am responsible and included

- 4.12 The HSCP Communications Officer has established an Awareness Day calendar that highlights young carer and adult carer specific awareness days and will develop content to raise awareness. There will be a carers specific Spotlight article released in March 2022 that will highlight carers and signposting for support.

## **5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

- 5.1 The Young Carers Strategy aligns to the following strategic objectives:

- We focus on prevention and tackling inequality
- We nurture and are part of communities that care for each other
- 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 specific human resource implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

## **6.3 Legal Implications**

6.3.1 There are no specific legal implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

## **6.4 Equalities implications**

6.4.1 There are no specific equality implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

## **6.5 Sustainability implications**

6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from the consideration of this report.

## **6.6 Clinical/professional assessment**

6.6.1 There is no requirement for a clinical/professional assessment.

## **7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

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

## **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

8.1. There are no immediate risks associated with the approval of this report. Delivery of the action items set out in the Plan at Appendix 1 will minimise risks to the successful integration of health and social care services in South Ayrshire and lead to effective and collaborative working at all levels – strategic and operational – across the system.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Young Carers Strategy 2021-2026](#)

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