

<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 9</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Progress Report on Adult Carers Strategy 2019-2024</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 Adult 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>Regular progress report submitted to the Performance and Audit Committee. Previous progress reports were submitted on 11 February 2020 and 8 September 2020. The Adult Carers Strategy was approved at the meeting of the Integration Joint Board on 16 May 2019.</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 ADULT CARERS STRATEGY 2019-2024

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 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 Adult Carers Strategy.

### 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 came into effect on 1st April 2018 and is designed to support carers' health and wellbeing, helping them to remain in their caring roles and be able to manage their own life alongside their caring responsibilities.
- 3.3 Key aspects of the Act include:
- A duty to develop and offer an adult carer support plan to someone who is identified as a carer. The support plan must include contingency planning and support the carer to meet their personal outcomes;
  - A duty to set out and publish local eligibility criteria including recognition that support will be provided if the eligible criteria are met;
  - A duty to provide support to carers who have eligible needs including consideration for short breaks from caring;
  - Publish a short breaks statement;
  - Provide carers with information and advice services;
  - Put in place support for carers at the point of hospital discharge;
  - Involve both adult and young carers in the planning of services; and
  - Develop a local adult's carer strategy.
- 3.4 A decision was taken in South Ayrshire to develop discrete Adult and Young Carers Strategies albeit recognizing the need for significant linkage. South Ayrshire IJB approved the Young Carers Strategy in 2020.

- 3.5 The South Ayrshire Carers Strategic Planning Group developed this Strategy and its associated strategic implementation plan with support from local partners, including South Ayrshire Carers Centre, Crossroads and Ayrshire Hospice.
- 3.6 The Adult Carers Strategy and associated Implementation Plan was approved by the [Integration Joint Board on 16 May 2019](#). 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 Adult Carers Strategy 2019-2024.
- 4.2 A summary table is provided below:

Status	Number
 Completed	4
 On target	18
 Showing some concerns	5
 Not on target	0
 Not due to start	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 recognised and valued in my caring role
  2. I am supported in my caring role
  3. I am able to take a break from caring to look after my own health
  4. I am not defined by my caring role

#### I am recognised and valued in my caring role

- 4.4 Carers Day events did not take place in 2020/2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. As the situation has been improving localities are now discussing the possibility of hosting Carers Day events. Prestwick's Carers Day has been confirmed and will be held on 17th June 2022, with this year's theme being a Street Party in Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Work is underway on the programme of events for the day.

- 4.5 There is a current scoping exercise being carried out on the needs of carers in South Ayrshire. Survey development will tie in with this work and will also require input from the Carers Reference Group.
- 4.6 Representatives from Carers Reference Group continue to have seats on both IJB and SPAG.

#### I am supported in my caring role

- 4.7 The HSCP launched a standalone website in June 2021 and are in the process of reviewing and migrating information from the Council website. The existing Carers content has been migrated over to the new site and is due to be reviewed this year. COVID-19 advice and guidance for Carers has recently been updated on the SAC website.
- 4.8 Carers Policy Implementation Officer is now in post and will work with Carers Reference Group to take forward development of an information booklet.
- 4.9 South Ayrshire Carers Centre continue to deliver advocacy and support to carers. There is a referral pathway in place for independent advocacy for carers. Moving forward the Strategic Group will need to review advocacy for carers and identify any gaps within the current provision.
- 4.10 A new carers pathway is being developed with CAMHS to identify and support families at point of referral. A working group has been established that contains carers leads from South, North and East Ayrshire to provide input and shape the new pathway.

#### I am able to take a break from caring and look after my own health

- 4.11 Both the COVID-19 and flu vaccination programmes have been promoted extensively throughout the pandemic. Details of vaccine drop-in clinics have been shared online and through internal communications on a regular basis. National changes and guidance are shared with the HSCP on a regular basis through Scottish Government communications.

#### I am not defined by my caring role

- 4.12 The South Ayrshire Volunteer Strategy 2021-24 has recently launched and will help to provide carers opportunities to participate in volunteering.
- 4.13 The Employability and Skills Family Engagement Programme seeks to support unpaid carers into employment as part of one of the programmes aims. One of the key aims is to encourage employers to offer flexible work to accommodate caring responsibilities. This will link into work of the group established in the Prestwick locality that is focusing on Employers Support for Carers.

## **5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

- 5.1 The Adult 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 The 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**

[Adult Carers Strategy 2019-2024](#)

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