

South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

REPORT

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Performance and Audit Committee
Held on	8 September 2020
Agenda Item	11
Title	Update on Progress: Adult Carers Strategy
Summary: The purpose of this report is to update the Performance and Audit Committee on the progress of the action items that comprise the agreed 2019-2024 Adult Carers Strategy Implementation Plan as at 5 February 2020.	
Presented by	Phil White, Partnership Facilitator - South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Action required: That the Performance and Audit Committee notes the contents of this report.	

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**SOUTH AYRSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD
8 September 2020
Report by Partnership Facilitator**

**UPDATE ON PROGRESS: 2019-2024 ADULT CARERS STRATEGY
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Performance and Audit Committee on the progress of the action items that comprise the agreed 2019-2024 Adult Carers Strategy Implementation Plan as at 5 February 2020.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee notes the contents of this report.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Adult Carers Strategy 2019-2024 approved by the Integration Joint Board at its meeting on 16 May 2019, contained an Implementation Plan designed to take forward the Strategy as defined through its Strategic Themes, which in turn have been framed to deliver national and local outcomes. This is the first update on progress against the Implementation Plan.

3.2 The report and attached update produced through the Pentana Performance Management System ([Appendix 1](#)), provides further update on each individual action item contained within the Implementation Plan for 2019-2024 as at 5 February 2020.

4. REPORT

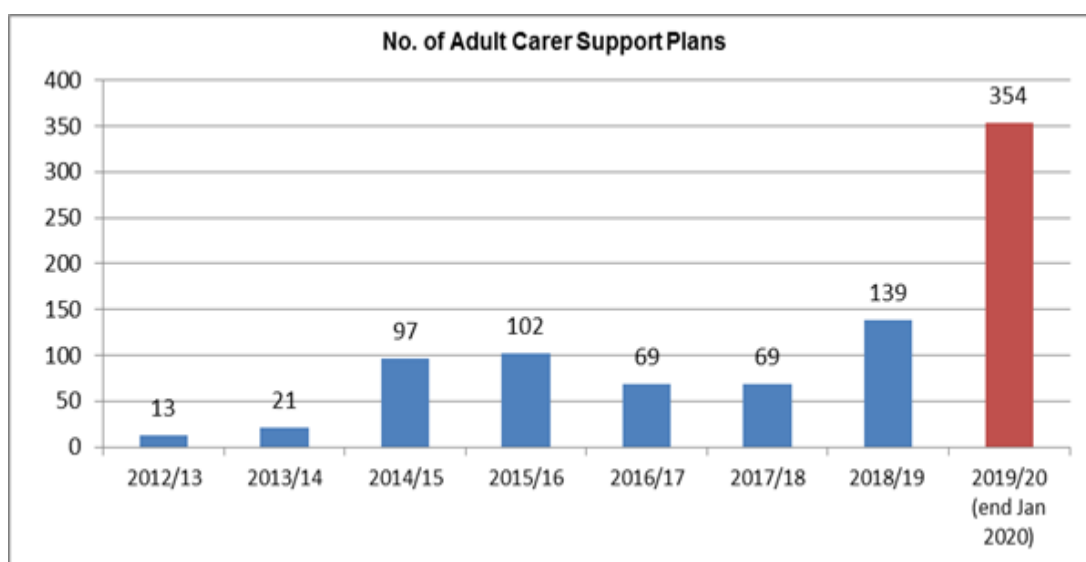
4.1 It is proposed that the Performance and Audit Committee considers the progress which has been made against the agenda set out in the Adult Carers Strategy 2019-2024. Given the stage the Strategy is at in terms of its implementation, good progress has been made with very limited development capacity that would be needed to fully support the Action Plan in its entirety. Many of the Actions are to be developed over the next 2-3 years, consequently, some actions are in very early stages of development.

4.2

Status	Number
✔ Completed	4
▶ On Target	28
⚠ Showing Some Concerns	1
● Not on Target	1

4.3 Each action within the Implementation Plan will support the delivery of the Strategy and has been assigned to one of the four Strategic Themes. A summary of progress against each of the Strategic Themes is provided below.

4.4 Whilst implicit in and linked to a number of the Actions within the Carers Strategy/Plan to meet the requirements of the Carers (Scotland) Act there has been significant effort made to increase the numbers of Adult Carers with Adult Carers Support Plans (formerly Carer Assessments). This has increased from 139 completed plans in 2018/19 to 354 completed plans in 2019/20 (to end of January 2020). This builds on a low base of previous Carers assessments completed in the last 7-8 years.



4.5 A summary of progress against each of the Strategic Themes is provided below:

1. I am recognised and valued in my caring role

A range of work has been developed to raise awareness of carers themselves as well as those who are in a position to support carers (particularly those who do not recognise themselves as carers). Pathways within key settings, have been developed to allow identification of and provision of support to carers. Training for key members of staff to underpin this has been delivered to the most relevant teams including linking the work to Self-directed Support (SDS) pathways. Information materials have been produced by the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), South Ayrshire Carers Centre and others to ensure the wider population understand the importance of carers and the supports available to them.

Within Localities, and following from the previous successful work over 4-5 years in Prestwick, Carers are being celebrated and recognised through and annual Carers Day in Prestwick and another in Girvan.

The Carers Reference Group continues to meet and to influence any developed work and through representation at Strategic Planning Advisory Group (SPAG) and Integration Joint Board (IJB) Committees.

2. I am supported in my caring role

Following the development of comprehensive pathways to identify carers and additional carers both being identified but having an Adult Carers Support Plan, there is greater potential for linking them to wider supports as well as Carers specific services provided by South Ayrshire Carers Centre and others. Other HSCP Strategies/Plans have support for Carers as integral (eg Learning Disability, Mental Health, Dementia, and Social Isolation) and there is an explicit requirement to support carers as part of these documents.

Generic materials produced in relation to wide settings/services/themes have links to supports for Carers. Key settings (such as within Hospitals) now have more explicit supports (including an in situ worker in Ayr Hospital). Carers are also supported through the South Ayrshire Connect sites (including the Better Health Hub at the Biggart).

Guidance produced for operational HSCP team, particularly Adult Social work, (together with linked training) has increased the identification of carers and the numbers of Adult Carer Support Plans. Eligibility levels and guidance has been developed that ensures access to SDS related resources for those Carers with critical needs.

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

The Short Break statement was developed and published (and, now reviewed) and this sets out arrangements for accessing short breaks/respite. Additional capacity for respite in Crossroads has been resourced.

South Ayrshire Carers Centre continues to provide a range of supports for those registered (number) including 1:1/Group and telephone based support, access to counselling and emotional support and other therapeutic interventions) as well as providing other access to 'short breaks'. Other providers (eg South Ayrshire Dementia Support Association (SADSA), Alzheimer Scotland, and Ayrshire Hospice) continue to offer support in various forms for carers.

4. I am not defined by my caring role

Carers are now recognised in the Action Plan linked to our Social Isolation Strategy/Plan particularly older carers who may be isolated.

Work has been established in Prestwick (a Carer Confident Employers programme) which is seeking to engage local employers and employers organisations (eg Chamber of Commerce) to raise awareness re carers, to

identify opportunities for training and to identify interest in sign up to the Carer Positive Award.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 The Adult Carers Strategy 2019-2024 supports the IJB's Strategic Objectives, namely:

- We will protect vulnerable adults and children from harm.
- We will reduce health inequalities.
- We will shift the balance of care from acute hospitals to community settings.
- We will support people to exercise choice and control in the achievement of their personal outcomes.
- We will manage resources effectively, making best use of our integrated capacity.
- We will give all of our stakeholders a voice.

5.2 The national and local policy documents which are part of the context for the Adult Carers Strategy are set out in the compendium of appendices to the Strategy document, a link to which is included under the Background Papers Section of this report. Similarly, a Performance Framework is also set out within the Background Papers of this compendium document.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 The implementation of the Carers Act has been recognised by Scottish Government in additional financial resources allocated to HSCPs. South Ayrshire has used this resource to support South Ayrshire Carers Centre work, provide additional respite and waive charges for respite in some areas.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no human resource implications arising from the consideration of this report. Some of the intended work within the Adult Carers Strategy/Plan has been limited because of capacity constraints particularly re development work.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 Legal implications arising from the consideration of this report are duties placed on the IJB under the provisions of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with relevant officers from across the Health and Social Care Partnership.

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no equalities issues arising from any decisions made on this report.

9. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no environmental sustainability issues arising from any decisions made on this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Adult Carers Strategy 2019-2024](#)

[Adult Carers Strategy Appendices](#)