

22nd July 2013**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR PERSONAL CARE AND
SUPPORT - OLDER PEOPLE****CARERS' STRATEGY 2013-2014****Purpose of the Report**

1. To notify the Adult Social Care and Health Committee of the Carers' Strategy 2013-2014 and to seek Members' approval for the actions identified.

Information and Advice

2. Nottinghamshire County Council has worked in partnership with the local NHS for a number of years to produce and implement an annual Carers' Strategy.
3. This over-arching Strategy is agreed by Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottinghamshire's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in relation to carer support. It has been developed in partnership with carers, NHS and voluntary / community sector colleagues.
4. The Strategy and Action Plan are overseen, developed and up-dated by the Nottinghamshire Carers' Implementation Group, which reports to the Older Peoples' Integrated Commissioning Group and ultimately the Health and Wellbeing Board.
5. The Nottinghamshire Carers' Implementation Group comprises of both carer and officer representatives from all CCGs, key partners and staff from Nottinghamshire County Council (including the Service Director for Personal Care and Support – Older Adults).
6. Relevant national and local drivers and documents policies and strategies have been taken into account in terms of developing actions/activity, for example, 'Carers at the heart of 21st Century Families and Communities', (Department of Health, 2008), the 2011 Census, the Carers' Survey 2012 and the plans developed by the CCGs. For example, both Newark and Sherwood and Bassetlaw CCGs have run dementia summits, attended by patients, service users, carers and stakeholders, where carers of people with dementia expressed a desire to receive support and information for themselves as carers. This is reflected in the Strategy by the proposal to create 'Compass' workers who will offer practical and emotional support to carers (see page 7).
7. There has been extensive consultation on the Strategy with both carers and partners in order to gain valuable feedback and ideas for improving existing services and developing new services for the future. In February 2013, the draft Strategy was shared with:

- Existing members of the Carers' Advisory Group
- Learning Disability Carers' Groups
- Nottinghamshire Carers' Alliance (comprising 16 carers groups with approximately 300 members)
- Members of diverse carers groups (e.g. carers on the Carers' Federation's mailing list)
- Carers' Implementation Group (see paragraph 5)
- NHS Nottinghamshire County and Bassetlaw Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)
- Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across Nottinghamshire

8. Key principles underpinning the work include:

- Involving and engaging carers in decisions that affect them as individuals and decisions made by policy makers about the way public money is spent.
- Putting carers at the heart of service delivery and decisions, rather than expecting carers to fit around the needs of a service.
- Enabling carers to take more control and exercise more choice in the services they access.
- Outcomes which improve the quality of life of carers.

9. A copy of the Strategy is attached to the report.

Other Options Considered

10. The priorities and actions within the Strategy are the result of consultation and responses to national and local drivers, and therefore there are no other options considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. The Carers' Strategy 2013-2014 is the continuation of joint working between the local NHS and Nottinghamshire County Council.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

13. The successful implementation of the Carers' Strategy 2013-2014 will have a positive impact on both carers, and by implication on the service users they are looking after, as carers will be receiving more support, advice and information to assist them in their role as a carer.

Financial Implications

14. Most of the costs to complete the actions will be covered by the recurrent £1.1 million which has been transferred from the local NHS to Nottinghamshire County Council (See paragraph 9). The rest will be covered by the existing budget for carers.

Equalities Implications

15. The Strategy applies to all carers across the County

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the Adult Social Care and Health Committee:

- 1) Notes and approves the Carers' Strategy 2013-2014.
- 2) Receives a further report on the progress of the Carers' Strategy in January 2014.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 11/07/13)

16. The Adult Social Care and Health Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (CLK 10/07/13)

17. The financial implications are contained in paragraph 14 of this report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- a. [Report to the Adult Social Care and Health Committee - Expenditure of Carers' Funding Allocation – proposed plans 4th March 2013](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All