

**CARERS STRATEGY 2007 – 2009**

**CONSULTATION RESPONSES REPORT**

1. During May 2007, the draft Carers Strategy 2007-2009 were sent for comment to those Carers who had volunteered to participate in consultations. Copies were also sent to partner organisations and service providers. It was also made available on the Adult Social Care and Health intranet pages, and all Managers were emailed to ask them to draw the attention of all staff to the document, for their comments.
2. A pleasing 74% of responses were received from carers themselves. Of these, 62% were totally satisfied with the strategy as presented.
3. In response to the question did you find the strategy easy to understand 98% commented positively on the style and content, with comments like “It is easy to understand” and “This report is very comprehensive.”
4. In response to other specific questions carers told us that we had included all principle objectives. The majority of carers also felt that we had included all areas that should be developed.
5. Other relevant comments that were made included opposition to the use of Direct Payments (15%); the need for training, in lifting and handling in particular, and the need to ensure that information is made more readily available locally.
6. Carers felt that we were being ambitious but hoped that we could now deliver without needing to continue to consult.

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