

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 15 September 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Adult Social Services

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Recognising, Valuing & Supporting Carers in Halton; Joint Carers Strategy 2016 – 2019

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report presents the strategy that the council, together with NHS Halton CCG, will deliver to continue the development of support for carers in the Borough.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board approve Recognising, Valuing & Supporting Carers in Halton; Joint Carers Strategy 2016 – 2019.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The current National Carers' Strategy has five objectives to be achieved by 2018. They are that carers will be:

1. Recognised and supported as an expert care partner
2. Enjoying a life outside caring
3. Not financially disadvantaged
4. Mentally and physically well, treated with dignity, &
5. Children will be thriving, protected from inappropriate caring roles.

3.2 The Coalition Government refreshed this strategy in 2010, retaining these five aims, but inserting four priority areas:

1. Supporting early self-identification and involvement in local care planning and individual care planning.
2. Enabling carers to fulfil their educational and employment potential.
3. Personalised support for carers and those receiving care.
4. Support carers to remain healthy.

3.3 Recognising, Valuing & Supporting Carers in Halton, Joint Carers Strategy 2016 – 2019, has been developed taking into

consideration;

- national and local priorities for carers
- statutory responsibilities and good practice guidance
- a framework for the continued development of services for carers in Halton
- our proposed actions to deliver the strategy over the next three years

3.4 Halton's Carers Strategy will focus on achieving the following four outcomes;

That carers will be;

1. Supported to stay mentally and physically well.
2. Supported to have a life of their own, alongside caring.
3. Recognised as expert partners, and will be supported in their caring role by integrated and personalised services.
4. Provided with accessible advice and information that will assist them in making informed choices regarding their caring roles.

3.5 The strategy proposes a model of support for carers based around four components.

- Prevention and early Intervention
- Support to care
- Support in a crisis
- Recognition of the caring role

3.6 The body responsible for the delivery of Recognising, Valuing and Supporting Carers in Halton, 2016 – 19, will be the Carers Strategy Group, membership of which is drawn from carers that use our services and key delivery partners.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Delivery of the strategy will ensure both the Authority's and NHS Halton CCG's compliance with its legal duties.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The current annual investment in carers services in the Borough by the Authority and NHS Halton CCG is £843,183.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

A young carer's strategy has recently been approved by Children's Social Care.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

This strategy will support the improvement of carers health and well being and ensure that both the Authority and NHS Halton CCG discharge their statutory duties under the Care Act.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks associated with the development and implementation of this strategy.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The strategy is developed in line with all equality and diversity issues within Halton.

9.0 **REASON(S) FOR DECISION**

9.1 The Executive Board will be required to approve the strategy, the delivery of which will ensure both the Authority and NHS Halton CCG meet their statutory duties under the Care Act.

10.0 **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

10.1 None identified.

11.0 **IMPLEMENTATION DATE**

11.1 The strategy will be implemented following Executive Board approval.

12.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Halton Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2015/16; Adult & Young Carers	Runcorn Town Hall	Sharon McAteer

