

Report to Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board

Subject:	Draft LLR Carers Strategy 2018-2021
Meeting Date:	6/3/18
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Paper for:	Note / Approval /Discussion

Context, including links to Health and Wellbeing Priorities e.g. JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

The previous Carers Strategy has expired (the previous strategy was valid until 2016), legislation and national guidance with regards to the role and duties of Local Authorities and NHS bodies towards carers has changed and therefore our carers offer and support needs to be adapted to incorporate these changes.

Across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland carers contribute around £2 billion worth of support every year which has a significant positive impact on demand experienced across the health and social care sector, this strategy sets out clear priorities for supporting carers to undertake their caring role

The Strategy seeks to respond to the issues related to caring that have been highlighted locally and set out how the partners signed up to this strategy will work together to address these.

The draft Joint Carers Strategy 2018-2021 has been developed using analysis of survey and performance data, and updates from the National Carers Policy Network, but with a clear focus on local carer views and experiences expressed through the significant engagement undertaken during the summer of 2017.

The strategy recognises that, working alongside partners, much can be achieved in terms of better supporting carers through increased awareness, greater appreciation of the role, and simplification of systems and processes. Although funding in relation to carers is not directly addressed within this strategy, partners have committed to deliver change for the benefit of unpaid carers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Key priorities have been identified to support Carers across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland to continue in their caring role and to maintain their own health and wellbeing.

The draft Carers Strategy has eight “key priorities”, and for each priority high level partnership actions have been determined.

- a) Carer are Identified early and recognised
- b) Carers Are Valued and Involved
- c) Carers are Informed

- d) Carer Friendly Communities
- e) Carers have a life alongside caring
- f) Carers and the impact of Technology Products and the living space
- g) Carers can access the right support at the right time
- h) Supporting young Carers

Following the planned consultation due to take place in March 2018, the feedback received will be used to develop detailed action plans to support the Carers Strategy

Financial implications:

Although funding in relation to carers is not directly addressed within this strategy, partners have committed to deliver change for the benefit of unpaid carers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

Recommendations:

That the board:

1. comments on whether this draft strategy recognises, values and supports Carers in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

Comments from the board:

Strategic Lead: John Morley

Risk assessment:

Time	L	
Viability	L	
Finance	L	
Profile	M	
Equality & Diversity	L	

Timeline:

Task	Target Date	Responsibility