

CABINET

13 September 2022

LLR CARERS STRATEGY

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Care

Strategic Aim:	Healthy and well	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP/080722	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the LLR Joint Carers Strategy Refresh 2022-2025.
2. Approves the associated Rutland County Council Action Plan.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To share the LLR Joint Carers Strategy Refresh 2022-2025 Recognising, Valuing and Supporting Carers in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and action plan to gain Cabinet approval.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 Carers play an essential role in our communities, often without recognition of the commitments they make and the substantial impact that their selfless commitment to others can have on their own wellbeing.
- 2.2 The strategy is to ensure that carers across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland have access to services that support their physical and mental health and promote

their wellbeing. An important element is identifying carers early and ensuring that the right support is accessible in the right places and at the right time for all carers.

2.3 To achieve the vision and the best possible outcomes for carers, NHS and local authority partners will work collaboratively. The strategy is therefore developed jointly to underline the intent to work together.

2.4 Partner agencies are now set firmly on 'recovery' and living with COVID, this refreshed strategy reflects that ongoing commitment to carers.

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 The Carers Strategy Review has been open to the public for consultation throughout June and July. This was launched locally at a Carers Week information event at Oakham Castle. (The closing date was extended to allow for a delayed consultation event held at Leicester city football ground on 13/07/22).

3.2 Other face to face carers engagement events have also been held in Rutland to promote the survey along with general carers awareness.

3.3 Despite events to engage carers, only four responses to the survey were completed by Rutland residents. A meeting is scheduled for September 7th with partners at Leicester City and Leicestershire County Council to discuss responses / feedback from across the three authorities. It is understood that there have been approximately 70 responses across LLR. Whilst this is a low response, it is in line with other surveys conducted. It is also recognised that multiple surveys were out for consultation at the same time.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 None Identified

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified – the strategy and plan are delivered withing the ASC services budget.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 The Care Act 2014 places a duty on local councils to prevent, reduce and delay need for support, including the needs of carers. A right to a carers assessment based on need and a right for carers eligible needs to be met.

6.2 A duty on NHS bodies (NHS England, clinical commissioning groups, NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts) to co-operate with local authorities in delivering the Care Act functions.

7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

7.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has not been completed and is not deemed relevant to this report.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed as it is not deemed relevant to this report.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None identified.

10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report. It is intended the aims of the Carers Strategy and Action Plan will enhance the experience of carers across the County.

11 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 It is recommended that Cabinet recommends to Council to approve the Refreshed Joint Carers Strategy 2022-2015 and associated action plan.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 No additional background papers.

13 APPENDICES (MANDATORY, SIMPLY STATE IF THERE ARE NO APPENDICES)

Appendix A – LLR Refreshed Joint Carers Strategy 2022-2025 (Draft).

Appendix B – Action Plan (Draft)

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