

Cheshire East Council

Health and Adult Social Care & Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 6th April 2017

Report of: Mark Palethorpe, Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health
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Subject/Title: Joint Strategy for Carers of All Ages in Cheshire East: Delivery Plan and Carer Breaks Progress Report

Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Janet Clowes (Adults)
Cllr. Liz Durham (Children and Families)

1. Report Summary

- 1.1. The Carers Strategy Progress Report provides further update from the report that was presented to Health and Adult Social Care & Communities Overview and Scrutiny December 2016 regarding the first six month progress of the Joint Strategy for Carers of All Ages in Cheshire East supporting the Delivery Plan 2016/2018 ([See Appendix 1 - Carers Strategy Deliver Plan](#)). The delivery plan outlines how Cheshire East Council Adult Social Care working with key partners - Cheshire East Council Children's and Families, NHS South Cheshire and NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Groups are delivering against the five key priorities areas set out under Section 5 of this report.
- 1.2. The progress report provides information following the mid-point monitoring review in December 2016/17, of the Better Care Fund Carer Breaks Grant funded services.
- 1.3. The Carers' Strategy and Delivery Plan continues to be an important driver for change focusing on the five key priority areas of change, whilst consulting and engaging with Carers and people accessing a wide range of services across Cheshire East.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee review and comment on the progress made to date against the Carers Strategy five key priorities set out within the Carers Strategy Delivery Plan.

3. Other Options Considered

- 3.1. This is an update report and as such an options appraisal was not required.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee remain informed of the progress made to date in the delivery of the Carers Strategy.

5. Background/Chronology

- 5.1. The Carers Strategy and Delivery Plan were produced as part of the Council's statutory obligations under the Care Act 2014, the Children and Families Act 2014. Carers and our partners were involved in the co-production of the Carers Strategy and local carers very much agreed the vision and five local priorities. The Carers Strategy Delivery Plan priorities are being implemented by lead officers from Cheshire East Council, NHS South Cheshire and NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Groups, taking joint responsibility for the monitoring of this important strategy.
- 5.2. The Carers' Project Manager has will continue to ensure that the Carers Strategy Delivery Plan progress reports are quarterly reported through the People's Director for Adult Social Care and Health DMT and the joint commissioning forum with South and Eastern CCGs and the Better Care Governance Group.
- 5.3. The Carers' Breaks Grants for 2016/2017 was awarded to a range of third sector and volunteer-led providers. ([See Appendix 3 - Register of Providers](#)). The Carers Strategy priorities for Carers Breaks were informed by the Carer Engagement delivery plan awards for 2016/2017, which commenced dated 1st July 2016, as final agreement of the funding available from the Better Care Fund was not confirmed until April 2016. As a consequence the Carer Breaks Grant awards for 2016/2017 is being delivered over a 9 month period and monitoring returns have been requested from providers in December 2016 and March 2017.

- 5.4. Following the formal sign off by the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2016 of the Joint Strategy for Carers, commissioners have concentrated on five key priority areas for the first six months of delivery plan, the five priority areas being;

- 1) Improved Assessment of Carer Needs and Crisis Support
- 2) Improved Access to Information Service
- 3) Improved Respite and Carer Breaks
- 4) Realising Carer Potential /The 'Umbrella' Employers for Carers membership model
- 5) Engagement and Co-Production

(See Appendix 2 – Five Priorities Progress Report)

- 5.5 For the purpose of additional information the Cheshire East Council Carers services features in the Care Choices Directory and can be provided on request. Also that the Carers can also access Information & Advice through the IACE contract [Information and Advice Cheshire East \(IACE\)](#) and can also access a range other EIP services commissioned by the council.

6. Wards Affected and Local Ward Members

- 6.1. All wards

7. Implications of Recommendation

7.1. Policy Implications

- 7.1.1. Policy implications, including the Council's duty to carers, have been considered and accounted for in the process that led to the development and agreement of the Carers' Strategy. There are no additional implications arising from this paper.

7.2. Legal Implications

- 7.2.1. No implications.

7.3. Financial Implications

- 7.3.1. Financial implications were considered in the process that led to the development and agreement of the Carers' Strategy. There are no additional implications arising from this paper.

- 7.3.2. A Better Care Fund Carer Breaks evaluation session took place dated 3rd March. The session focused on the evaluation of Better Care spend with a view to considering the outcomes to be achieved looking forward in consultation with carers, subject to the National Better Care Fund Guidance arriving.

7.4. Equality Implications

- 7.4.1. Equality implications, including the Council's duty to ensure that carers have the same opportunities as non-carers, have been considered in the process that led to the development and agreement of the Carers' Strategy. There are no additional implications arising from this paper.

7.5. Rural Community Implications

- 7.5.1. Implications for rural communities, including ensuring that rural communities have access to services, have been considered in the process that led to the development and agreement of the Carers' Strategy. There are no additional implications arising from this paper.

7.6. Human Resources Implications

- 7.6.1. Human resources implications, including the joint appointment of a Carers' Strategy Lead (hosted by Eastern Cheshire CCG on behalf of Cheshire East Council and the two CCGs), have been considered in the process that led to the development and agreement of the Carers' Strategy. There are no additional implications arising from this paper.

7.7. Public Health Implications

- 7.7.1. Public health implications, such as ensuring carers do not suffer adverse health and wellbeing impacts due to their carer roles, have been considered in the process that led to the development and agreement of the Carers' Strategy. There are no additional implications arising from this paper.

7.8. Implications for Children and Young People

- 7.8.1. Implications for children and young people, namely young carers, have been considered in the process that led to the development and agreement of the Carers' Strategy. There are no additional implications arising from this paper.

7.9. Other Implications (Please Specify)

- 7.9.1. No other implications.

8. Risk Management

- 8.1. The content of this report poses no risks to the achievement of Council outcomes.

9. Access to Information/Bibliography

- 9.1. Appendix 1 - The Joint Carers' Strategy Delivery Plan.
- 9.2. Appendix 2 - Five Key Priorities Progress Update
- 9.3. Appendix 3 - Better Care Funding
- 9.4. Appendix 4 – Providers Register

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