
Carer's Review Task Group

14th December 2010

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance & ITT

Cover Report – Carer's Review

Summary

1. This report presents Members of the Task Group with information on the following for consideration:
 - Good practice examples regarding carer identification
 - Current practice in York
 - Key partners

Background

2. The Task Group have set the following remit:

Aim

3. To promote the valuable work done by carers and to improve the way City of York Council and its key partners identify carers and ensure they have access to information and the support available.

Key Objectives

- i. To raise awareness of carers
- ii. To improve access to information for carers

Consultation

4. To date consultation has taken place between the Task Group and the relevant Council Officers. The scope and timetable for this review envisage the involvement of key partners, members of the public and the voluntary sector at varying stages of the review.

Options

5. There are no specific options associated with the recommendations in this report.

Analysis

6. Members are asked to consider the information attached to this report in order to progress this review. The Task Group may wish to be mindful that at their next informal meeting they will be creating a questionnaire for carers, carers' forums and carer specialist workers amongst others. The questionnaire should allow the Task Group to understand the personal experiences of all types of carers, how they were identified and the types of support and information available to them.

Corporate Priorities

7. This topic is linked to the 'Healthy City' aspect of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012.

Implications

8. **Financial** – there are no financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report however implications may arise as the review progresses and these will be addressed accordingly. There is a small budget of £500 allocated to any scrutiny review undertaken. The Carers' Review is likely to need to allocate some of these funds to the printing costs of the questionnaire, postage of the questionnaire (where necessary) and room hire and refreshments for the proposed public event in January 2011.
9. **Human Resources** – there are no known Human Resources implications associated with the recommendation within this report, however implications may arise as the review progresses.
10. **Legal** – there are no known legal implications associated with the recommendations within this report however, implications may arise as the review progresses.
11. There are no other implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management

12. There are currently no risks associated with this review and none associated with the recommendations within this report.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to consider and discuss the information attached in the annexes to this report.

Reason: To progress this review.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

The Carer's Strategy Manager has referenced a wealth of material in Papers 1, 2 and 3 attached to this agenda. These are referenced in detail within the attached papers and are also listed below for ease of reference:

Please note that these documents can be made available via e-mail. Please contact the Scrutiny Officer for further details.

Paper 1: Footnoted Documents

- Footnote 1** Recognised, Valued & Supported: The Next Step for the Carer's Strategy - November 2010
- Footnote 2** The Importance of Information for Carers
- Footnote 3** A Systematic Review of Interventions for Carers in the UK: Outcomes & Explanatory Evidence
- Footnote 4** Supporting Carers – Early Intervention & Better Outcomes
- Footnote 5** Commissioning Better Outcomes for Carers and Knowing If You Have
- Footnote 6** Older Carers in the UK
- Footnote 7** Older People Profile Version 1
- Footnote 8** Carer Awareness Training – Proposal for Resource to be Part of the Carer's Pathway

Paper 1: Appendix 2: Supporting Documents

- Implementing the Carer's Strategy in the East Midlands – A toolkit to support self assessment and compendium of good practice
- Good Practice Guide for Carers October 2008 – North West Carer Leads Network

Annexes

Paper 1	Background information, good practice & themes and issues
Appendix 1	Success Factors
Appendix 2	Sources of Information
Paper 2	Current Practice in York
Annex A	York Strategy for Carers 2009-2011
Annex B	Action Plan - Summary for 2009-10
Annex C	Action Plan – Current 2010-2012
Paper 3	Key Partners
Annex D	A-Z of Useful Organisations