

## Carer Review Paper 3 Key Partners and additional local information

### York Carers Strategy Group

The Carers Strategy Group is the multi-agency group of people who meet quarterly to work in partnership to implement York Strategy for Carers. The group includes four carer members alongside professionals from City of York Council, NHS North Yorkshire and York, York Hospital, and voluntary sector organisations. The group works to an Action Plan which aims to make sure the best possible support and services are available for carers in the City of York.

<b>Carers Strategy Group membership</b>		
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
<b>City of York Council</b>	Kathy Clark	Interim Assistant Director of Commissioning and Partnerships
	Gary Brittain	Commissioning and Contracts Manager
	Frances Perry	Carers Strategy Manager
	Howard Lovelady	Group Manager Resources, Children Services
<b>NHS - North Yorkshire and York</b>	Ralph Edwards	Group Manager Assessment & Personalisation
	Paul Skilbeck	Locality Manager – Learning Disability Services,
	Eddie Devine	Manager of Integrated Adult Mental Health Community Services
	Jenny Carter	Manager - Provider Services,
<b>York Hospital Trust</b>	Judith Knapton	Head of Commissioning
	Lucy Connolly	Assistant Chief Nurse
<b>Job Centre Plus</b>	David Cowell	Care Partnership Manager
<b>York Council for Voluntary Services</b>	Sian Balsom	Development Officer
<b>York Carers Centre</b>	Linda Stubbs	Manager, York Carers Centre
<b>Carers representatives</b>		
	Ruth Thompson Lis Johnstone	CANDI
	Jackie Chapman	York Carers Forum
	Katie Smith	York Carers Forum
	Irene Mace	York Carers Forum
	Feedback method to be agreed	Young Carers Forum
<b>Co-options</b>		

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	Mick Waudby	Co-option - carer
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### Task Groups

Currently York Carers Strategy Group oversee the work of two task groups:

- **Carers Information Group:** chaired by Sarah Fittell, Information Development Worker at York Carers Centre. The group's membership and structure is currently under review.
- **Carers Health Steering Group:** chaired by Judith Knapton, Head of Commissioning (Services for Vulnerable People), NHS North Yorkshire and York.

In addition it has been agreed that a Task Group should be set up, to focus on work required to support Young Carers.

### Third sector organisations commissioned to provide services for carers

The specialist third sector organisation for all carers:

- **York Carers Centre**

<http://www.yorkcarerscentre.co.uk>

Supports adult and young carers with all issues and problems which may arise as a result of caring. Information on benefits, respite, support groups, holidays and employment. Provide the 'Carers Emergency Card' in partnership with City of York Council, and a specialist Employment Education and Training service.

Third Sector organisations in York commissioned to provide services which include some specifically for carers; or with remits re 'hard to reach' groups of carers, or specific service provision:

- **Age Concern York**

<http://www.ageconcernyork.org.uk>

Provides advice, information and practical help for older people over 60 and their carers. The 'In Safe Hands' service provides breaks for carers.

- **Alzheimers Society – York**

[http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/custom\\_scripts/branch.php?branch=true&branchCode=12864](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/custom_scripts/branch.php?branch=true&branchCode=12864)

Offers advice, support and information for those whose lives are affected by dementia. Specifically commissioned to provide 'Caring and Coping' training courses for carers.

- **Crossroads**

<http://www.crossroads.org.uk/index.php?mid=21&sid=45&pgid=142&id=93>

Practical help and short breaks for carers of both adults and children.

- **North Yorkshire and York Family and Carers Service**

<http://www.familyandcarers.org/>

Provided support and services to families and carers affected by someone else's substance misuse.

- **Stroke Association Information Advice and Support Service**

[http://www.stroke.org.uk/in\\_your\\_area/services\\_map/york.html](http://www.stroke.org.uk/in_your_area/services_map/york.html)

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A visiting service providing practical information and emotional support to families and carers of people in York for up to a year after a stroke.

- **York and District Mind**

<http://www.yorkmind.org.uk/>

Provide a range of services including a specialist counselling service for carers when the person they care for has mental health problems.

### **Carer led Forums**

York has three very active forums:

- **York Carers Forum**

<http://yorkcarersforum.org/>

This group offers support to all unpaid carers and former carers aged over 18 years who live, work or care for someone in the York area. The group is run by unpaid carers and former carers.

- **CANDI – Children and Inclusion**

<http://www.yorcandi.org.uk/>

This is the forum for parents of disabled children and young people, or those who have additional needs, in York and the surrounding area.

- **Young Carers Revolution**

<http://www.youngcarersrevolution.blogspot.com/>

This is the group of young carers who have successfully launched a media campaign to raise awareness about young carers.

### **Other third sector organisations and support groups**

York has a wealth of organisations and groups, which also offer support to carers. These are listed in 'Carers Information. A – Z of useful organisations.' This was compiled by the Carers Information Group, and was last updated in January 2010.

(A copy of the A-Z is supplied as part of the supporting documents.)