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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Report of the Executive Director - Adult Social Care and Health

CARERS STRATEGY REFRESH 2022

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to ask that the Health and Wellbeing Board:
- a) Endorses the Derbyshire Carers Strategy refresh 2022
 - b) Encourages all system partners to commit to the priorities and pledges of the strategy and to develop organisational delivery / action plans

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 The Derbyshire Carers Strategy 2020-2025 sets out system priorities for unpaid carers, based on extensive engagement with carers and partners across 2019. This was approved by Cabinet on 14 May 2020 but due to the timing, did not receive a system launch or full implementation.
- 2.2 The Pandemic has had a significant impact on carers, so the Carers Strategy required a refresh mid-way through the lifecycle, to reflect the new issues faced by carers and ensure shared actions and priorities remain up to date and fit for purpose.
- 2.3 A desktop refresh has been undertaken, using local and national sources of evidence, together with input from the commissioned carers service and voices of local carers through the findings of the NHS Digital Satisfaction Survey for Adult Carers in England (SACE) undertaken across 2021/22.

- 2.4 National legislation and policy; People at Heart of Care White Paper (2021), Joining Up Care for People, Places and Populations White Paper (2022) and the Health and Care Act (2022) are incorporated and will be further addressed through joint action planning.
- 2.5 The priorities outlined in the existing Carers Strategy remain as follows:
- Improving carer health and wellbeing
 - Information and advice
 - Carer employment and financial wellbeing
 - Early identification and support
 - Young carers
 - Services and systems that work for carers
 - Involving carers as experts
 - Recognising and supporting carer in the wider community
- 2.6 There will be a concerted focus on improving carer health and wellbeing, the provision of information and advice, supporting working carers and promoting sources of financial/welfare assistance.
- 2.7 The refreshed Carers Strategy 2020-2025 is attached at Appendix 2, with joint action planning to be finalised with system partners following approval of the Strategy.

3. Alternative Options Considered

- 3.1 Alternative Option 1 - Do Nothing. The Council could continue to progress the existing Carers Strategy document until it expires in 2025. This option is not desirable as it would mean the priorities requiring greater focus and activity undertaken would not be reflected.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No requirement to consult in relation to the refresh of the Carers Strategy.

6. Partnership Opportunities

- 6.1 System wide adoption of the priorities and pledges set out within the Carers Strategy Refresh will ensure its greatest impact in effectively supporting unpaid family carers. All Health and Wellbeing Board

partners are therefore urged to commit to the pledges within the strategy and to develop action / delivery plans to help to realise the significant benefits to carers to improve their health and wellbeing and to support them effectively in their caring role.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None identified

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 - Carers Strategy Refresh 2022

9. Recommendation(s)

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- a) Endorse the Derbyshire Carers Strategy refresh 2022
- b) Encourages all system partners to commit to the priorities and pledges of the strategy and to develop delivery / action plans

10. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

10.1 Carers play a vital role in preventing and delaying the point at which the person depending on care needs formal services. Carers are fundamental to the sustainability of our health and social care system, but often prioritise the health of the person they care for, over their own health and wellbeing.

System-wide collaboration and adoption of the Carers Strategy refreshed priorities and pledges, will ensure the greatest impact, to deliver the best outcomes for carers and ensure that supporting carers in their caring role is 'everyone's business'.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 There are no financial implications of this report.

Legal

2.1 There are no legal implications of this report.

Human Resources

3.1 There are no human resource implications of this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out for the purpose of the Carers Strategy refresh.

Partnerships

5.1 The system wide adoption of the Carers Strategy Refresh by all partners will enable the most effective outcomes for unpaid family carers.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities

6.1 Unpaid family carers are referenced in the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy and included as part of measuring success and tracking progress of the following outcomes:

Outcome 1: All people in Derbyshire are enabled to live healthy lives

Outcome 3: All people in Derbyshire are enabled to have good mental health and wellbeing across the life course.

Outcome 5: All people in Derbyshire have opportunities to access good quality employment and lifelong learning

Other implications

7.1 No further implications