

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD  
11 JULY 2017****CARERS STRATEGY FOR WORCESTERSHIRE - UPDATE**

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**Priorities**

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then on down arrow)

Older people & long term conditions	Yes
Mental health & well-being	Yes
Being Active	No
Alcohol	No
Other (specify below)	

**Groups of particular interest**

Children & young people	Yes
Communities & groups with poor health outcomes	Yes
People with learning disabilities	Yes

**Safeguarding**

Impact on Safeguarding Children If yes please give details	Yes
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Impact on Safeguarding Adults If yes please give details	Yes
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**Item for Decision, Consideration or Information**

Consideration

**Recommendation**

- 1. The Health and Well-being Board is asked to note progress made on the all-age carers' Strategy following previous discussions with regard to the need to mitigate health inequalities and the work done during the year to strengthen services/provision for young carers.**

**Background**

2. The Carers at the Heart of Worcestershire's Families and Communities Strategy was approved by the Health & Well Being Board on 12 May 2015 and an update was presented in May 2016. The Strategy was updated to reflect the introduction of the Care Act 2014 and other changes to health and social care services, and it was co-

produced by the Council and other relevant partners and carers.

3. There are 6.5 million carers in the UK, and the role that unpaid carers play is crucial. It is estimated that the value of care provided by informal carers is £132 billion nationally, and it is predicted that during 2017, the number of older people needing care will outnumber family members able to meet that need. In the current economic climate, the support provided by carers will continue to be ever more vital, and it is therefore essential that carers continue to have access to appropriate information, advice and support.

4. The vision of the Strategy is to ensure that adults, parents and young carers will be recognised and valued by the wider community and statutory agencies in Worcestershire for the support and care they provide to vulnerable adults, children and young people. They will receive appropriate support where necessary to help them provide care safely and maintain a balance so that they are able to continue to care for family members and friends (should they choose to do so) whilst being able to lead a life outside of caring.

5. There are currently approximately 63,500 carers in Worcestershire. The number of carers currently in receipt of support from the Worcestershire Association of carers is around 11,500. This figure has risen from 9,000 in March 2015.

6. Appendix 1 to this report gives an in-depth overview of the work undertaken during 2016/17 (year 2 of the Strategy) towards achieving the aims of the all-age Worcestershire Carers Strategy 2015-2020. The Worcestershire Carers Strategy 2015-2020 is attached as Appendix 2 to this report for information.

### **Legal, Financial and HR Implications**

7. All actions are within existing budgets. All legal implications are based on the Care Act 2014. There are no additional HR implications.

### **Privacy Impact Assessment**

8. Not applicable.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

9. None is appropriate as this is an update.

### **Contact Points**

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## **Supporting Information**

- Appendix 1: Worcestershire Carers Strategy Update Report
- Appendix 2: Worcestershire Carers Strategy 2015-2020 (on-line)