

Carers Strategy for Worcestershire - update

Agenda item 6

Date	12 May 2015																
Board Sponsor	Dr Richard Harling, Director of Adult Services and Health																
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Recommendation	<p>1. That the Health and Well-being Board:</p> <p>a) Note the outcome of the consultation about the Carers Strategy; and</p> <p>b) Approve the final draft of the Carers Strategy.</p>																
Background	<p>2. The Health and Well Being Board received an initial report about the Carers Strategy in November 2014. The Chair of the Health and Well-being board met with carer representatives and Healthwatch on 11 December 2015 to agree changes prior to public consultation and these were noted at the January 2015 Board meeting.</p> <p>3. The Strategy supersedes the 2009-14 Carers Strategy – Carers at the Heart of Worcestershire's Families and Communities, in the light of significant changes in legislation at national level and changes to Health and Social Care Services.</p>																

Next Steps

Background Documents

4. Public consultation about the Strategy commenced on 27 February. Consultation took place via face to face meetings with carers, meetings with Carers Action Worcestershire and an online survey from 26 January until 8 March 2015. 59 questionnaires were returned and 6 organisations and networks provided feedback on behalf of carers in Worcestershire. A summary of the comments received during the consultation and how these have been reflected in the final draft are included at Appendix 1.
 5. The Council's Adult Care and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Panel met on 25 March 2015 and heard evidence from Cllr Sheila Blagg and Richard Keble. Carers and Carer representatives contributed to the discussion at the panel meeting. Their thoughts and recommendations are also appended.
 6. A working group of carers, carer representatives and Council staff amended the consultation document in the light of all submissions and the document attached is the result of these discussions.
 7. Once approved by the Health and Well Being Board:
 - A detailed action plan will be developed by the Carers Consultative Group and other local carer groups and implementation will commence,
 - The layout of the Strategy will be updated to include images and quotes from carers,
 - Further work will take place to renew the commitments by employers and providers in both the public and private sector in Worcestershire to renew the commitments of a Worcestershire Carers Charter,
 - An official launch will be planned during National Carers Week 8 – 15 June 2015, to which carers and other interested parties will be invited. It is proposed that this event will be hosted by the Health and Well Being Board in partnership with local carers organisations.
- Appendix 1: Carers Strategy Consultation Feedback
 - Appendix 2: Carers' Strategy