

Title of meeting:	Cabinet
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Subject:	Portsmouth Carers Strategy
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Wards affected:	All
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	No

1. Purpose of report

To present the Portsmouth Carers Strategy 2015 - 2020 to Cabinet

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** That Cabinet note, support and endorse the Portsmouth Carers Strategy 2015-2020 (appendix one to this report)

3. Background

This strategy is Portsmouth's second Carers Strategy and builds on the significant progress and achievements of the previous document. This time the strategy has been produced jointly by Portsmouth City Council, NHS Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group, Solent NHS Trust and Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust, which provides us with an exciting opportunity to make the most out of joint working opportunities to ensure carers get the recognition and support they need at every possible point in the health and social care system.

The strategy covers carers of all ages. A carer is someone who cares, unpaid, for a family member or friend, who due to illness, disability, a mental health condition or an addiction cannot cope on their own, without their support.

The strategy has been written to build on the previous document and in response to the publication of the National Carers Strategy Second Action Plan 2014-2016. The local plan reflects the four priorities laid out in the national strategy:

1. Identification and recognition
2. Realising and releasing potential
3. A life alongside caring
4. Supporting carers to stay healthy

An action plan has been developed based on these four areas with actions derived from local carer's feedback and evidence of what carers want and need both nationally and locally.

1 in 10 adults are carers and it is estimated that carers save the government £119 billion pounds a year nationally and £310 million in Portsmouth. Carers must be identified and supported in order to have the best quality of life possible and to ensure they can maintain their vital contribution to the health and social care system.

National developments such as the implementation of the Care Act 2014 which puts carers on the same legal footing as the people they care for, and NHS England's Commitment to Carers put further emphasis on the need for carers support both locally and nationally, and this strategy seeks to capitalise on that opportunity.

This strategy and its' two year action plan sets out how we will improve carer identification and support across the health and social care system in Portsmouth. The strategy and action plan sets out a work programme that will meet the National Carers Strategy, the Care Act, Better Care Fund and locally identified requirements and will continue to be monitored by the Carers Executive Board. Following the endorsement of the strategy a SMART annual action plan for 2015/2016 will be developed.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

This document is a refresh of the 2014/2015 carers' strategy which PCC and the CCG have a duty to produce. The content of this document has been developed in conjunction with all stakeholders, including carers. A preliminary EIA has been completed, there is no adverse impact on any group a result of this piece of work.

6. Legal implications

The strategy has been produced as part of the Council's statutory obligations under the Care Act 2014, the Children and Families Act 2014 and other allied legislation. It sets the basis for compliance with the strategic aims for providing with carers in the area thus ensuring all of the relevant factors are taken into account in decision making on this topic.

7. Finance comments

The 2015/2016 funding for carers activity is anticipated to be sufficient to meet the aims and objectives of the carers strategy for this financial year. Funding for some of the new Care Act responsibilities for Carers will be provided via the local Better Care Fund in 2015/2016. However, funding levels for the financial years beyond 15/16 remains uncertain. The effects of future budgetary constraints upon both local authorities and the NHS are likely to lead to the requirement for further savings.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Portsmouth Carers Strategy 2015 - 2020.

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
National Carers Strategy	Integrated commissioning unit

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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