

## **Carers Strategy - Delivery Structure**

**The Strategic Vision** – Carers of all ages in Doncaster are recognised for the vital contribution they make, have a strong voice that influences improvement, are respected as partners in care and are able to tap into the support they need, when they need it, in the way they choose. Young and young adult carers will not be expected to care, but if they choose to do so they will be supported, to prevent negative impact upon their life chances.

### **The Strategic Approach**

- We will work together with carers to achieve the outcomes they are looking for.
- We will not wait for problems to arise but will plan ahead.
- We will try new approaches and build on what works.
- We will promote independence and work to prevent any current needs from getting worse.
- We will focus on the person whether they are giving or receiving care, to build on their strengths and make the most of their resources.
- As organisations we will be efficient, focused on quality and hold ourselves accountable to our local community.

**Sustainable Caring Roles** - “Most people are likely to be affected by or have caring responsibilities at some stage in their lives. - Supporting carers to care effectively and safely; look after their own health and well-being; fulfil their education and employment potential; and have a life of their own alongside caring responsibilities are priorities across this Government.”

Taken from “Carers Strategy: Second National Action Plan 2014 – 2016” pge 5

We believe that our strategic vision paints a picture of a caring role that can be sustained for as long as it is appropriate. Our proactive approach will support sustainable caring. We will focus on the carer and consider the person they care for, building on their resources and strengths and helping them both to remain fully involved in their local community. This will be a key strand of our work to reduce local dependence upon residential care and stabilising the cost of care packages.

**Structure** – Set out below is the delivery structure for this work. Each group will be governed by Terms of Reference. A Memorandum of Understanding will set out what is, and what is not, involved in the partnership behind “Caring for the Future A commitment to working better for carers and the borough 2015 – 2020” which is our local Carers Strategy.

### **Carers Strategic Oversight Group**

This group will take lead responsibility for delivering the strategy, including

- embedding a joined up approach to delivering 'Caring for the Future'
- promoting the principle of sustainable caring roles
- health and wellbeing communities that meaningfully address the carer perspective in every area of activity
- identifying carers at the earliest opportunity to support them in sustainable caring roles
- managing and co-ordinating the action groups charged with delivering specific outcomes
- ensuring that information is shared across all stakeholders in a comprehensive and timely manner
- monitoring compliance with legislation and guidance relating to carers (including Care Act compliance)
- monitoring and reporting on the impact of budget pressures, changes in policy or provision on local carers
- updating the local vision for carers based upon their experience and aspirations.

<p><b>Communication, Information, Engagement and Communities Action Group</b> Chair: Lisa Swainston</p>	<p><b>Service Development, Commissioning and Performance Action Group</b> Chair: Fay Wood</p>	<p><b>Developing Skills and Professional Practice Action Group</b> <i>Chair:</i></p>	<p><b>Parent Carers Action Group Facilitated by Doncaster Parents Voice (Jane Rodgers )</b></p>	<p><b>Young Carers Action Group Facilitated by Angela Harrington</b></p>
<p><b>Leading on:</b> People who are caring are proud to identify as carers because they feel valued for the contribution that they make.</p>	<p><b>Leading on:</b> Carers are more satisfied with the support they receive because it is based upon what they have said is most helpful.</p>	<p><b>Leading on:</b> Care is more joined up and carers feel that they are respected members of a care team.  Carers feel that they are properly supported throughout their caring role.</p>	<p><b>Leading on:</b></p>	<p><b>Leading on:</b> Young people feel that they are part of the caring that happens in their family whilst making the most of their education and social life.</p>



