



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 5TH MAY 2015

**SUBJECT: CARERS INFORMATION & CONSULTATION STRATEGY – ANNUAL
REPORT MAY 2014**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Following a request at a previous Scrutiny Committee the attached document provides details of activity within the Gwent region to the period ending May 2014.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The attached report is the first annual report submitted to Welsh Government on the implementation of the Carers Measure (Wales) 2010.
- 2.2 As required by Welsh Government work around the measure takes place on a regional footprint with the Health Board being the designated lead agency.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Carers Measure (Wales) 2010.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure (2010) came into force on the 1st January 2012. This placed a duty on Local Health Boards to take a lead and work with Local Authorities in Wales to prepare, publish and implement a Carers Information and Consultation Strategy. To achieve this Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) worked in partnership with its 5 Local Authorities, Third sector and Carers. The Strategy was approved by Welsh Government in January 2013 for implementation from 1 April 2013. In approving the Strategy, the Welsh Government stated the following:

“A comprehensive Strategy and Action Plan, based on strong evidence and demonstrating that the Health Board and its partners had worked through the guidance. There was good evidence of consultation and responding to feedback from Carers, and the proposals for staff training are particularly good.”

- 4.2 The Information and Consultation Strategy for Carers sits alongside local Carer Strategies, which have generally been developed by Local Authorities, in partnership with the previous Local Health Boards.

- 4.3 The ABUHB area Information and Consultation Strategy covers a four year period. The first year 2012/13 comprised of the development and formal approval of the Strategy. Proposals for detailed actions for subsequent years have been developed through a detailed implementation plan and reported using the template provided by Welsh Government. This is contained in Appendix A of the attached report.
- 4.4 The report identifies that key progress for the period has been;
- The establishment of a local implementation structure, led by the Health Board Director of Nursing, which includes four key sub groups to enable focused implementation of the Strategy workstreams and the provision of regular updates to Programme Board.
 - Partnership working has been a notable success since the implementation of this project, with effective engagement from all partners.
 - Key appointments were made during 2013 including the Carers Co-ordinator, Training Officer, Young Carers Officer and Administration Officer.
 - 100% of staff throughout the partnership and in Primary Care have received an information leaflet on the Carers Measure to help them identify and signpost Carers.
 - Carer Awareness training has been made available to staff throughout the partnership. To date 726 staff have received training.
 - A GP Local Enhanced Service has been developed in recognition of the central role played by GP's in identifying and supporting Carers. In 2013/14, 56 General Practices signed up to this service.
 - A significant commitment during the year has been given to helping identify Carers and support them through the provision of information and advice.
- 4.5 The annual report for 2014/15 will be made available to Scrutiny members as soon as it is received.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information and consequently there are no equalities implications.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Appendix B of the attached report shows a breakdown of the £200,500 that was available for 2013/14.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising from this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 All consultation feedback was incorporated into this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Members gain awareness of the progress to date in relation to the Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure (2010).

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure (2010).

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Carers Information & Consultation Strategy – Annual Report May 2014