

**CARER'S STRATEGY – NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION**

**Report by the Head of Performance, Commissioning and Change.**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of the report is to share with the Partnership Board the draft Carers Strategy and also a paper outlining the implications for Sunderland from the National Carers Strategy.

**2. Background**

The New Deal for Carers announced the development of a national Carers Strategy. In Sunderland, the Partnership Board gave its commitment to support the development of a Sunderland multi-agency strategy. The Board received an update report in June.

**3. Current Position**

The Multi-Agency Strategy Group has met on two occasions and work is ongoing to develop a draft strategy. It is aimed that by September we will have a completed draft. The Strategy, which outlines a vision, aspirations and outcomes is being shared with the Board. Action plans to support implementation of the strategy are currently being developed and agreed within partner organisations. Membership of the group is attached as appendix 1.

The National Carers Strategy *Carers at the heart of 21<sup>st</sup> century families and communities* was published in June and it sets the vision for the next 10 years. It is aimed that by 2018, carers will be universally recognised and valued as being fundamental to strong families and stable communities. Support will be tailored to meet individual's needs, enabling carers to maintain a balance between their caring responsibilities and a life outside caring, while enabling the person they support to be a full and equal citizen. A paper has been produced outlining the implications for social care and for the city as a whole and this is being shared with the Board along with a summary of the national strategy.

**4. Recommendations**

The Partnership Board is requested to receive this report and accompanying documents for information.

**Multi Agency Carers Strategy Group  
Membership**

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