



Inverclyde Carers Council

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Following our Public Consultation, held in the Tontine Hotel, on Friday 4th April, on the Scottish Government's proposals for legislative rights to carer's services, the following is our Workshop answers and responses to the questions posed in the Consultative Paper:

Question 1:

YES ✓

Everyone at the table agreed that the name change was a positive decision, as carer's assessment sounds more judgemental and support plan is more positive and more encouraging for carers to access.

Question 2:

YES ✓

It was felt that the substantial and regular test should be removed, as people have different caring roles and other responsibilities which can impact on their caring situation, so all Carers should be able to access the Carer's Support Plan regardless of their situation.

Question 3:

YES ✓

The group felt this should be removed as Carers may feel under pressure to cope if the person is resistant to services and earlier access to a support plan could prevent crisis situations

Question 4:

YES ✓

It was thought 2 routes would be beneficial for a carers support plan but more routes would be even better and specifically getting GP's to refer for carer support plans.

Question 5:

YES

The group felt this should be removed as it sounds quite judgemental towards the carer and their capabilities as a Carer.

Question 6

YES

This was mixed response - some people thought a timescale would be a good thing so that Carers know what to expect and when. Others felt this could limit the support available to carers as there would be more pressure on Social Work Services to provide decisions, services etc.

Question 9:

YES

Essential that carers know there are various levels of support plans available and that these are available throughout the Carer's journey, to ensure timely interventions. Group felt this was particularly important to young carer's.

Question 10:

YES

Inverclyde local Carer's Strategy, is effective in supporting Carer's within Community Health and Care settings, and Acute CIS priorities and resources should be integrated with this to ensure Carer's are supported in hospital settings.

Question 11:

NO

Carer's felt that all carer's should be supported if they choose to ask for help, and on their own terms. It shouldn't feel like a "Duty" to support carer's, and believe the discretionary aspect would be better.

Question 12:

YES

Carers don't always need ongoing support and feel it should be there when it counts, and not based on the level of care, or needs of the person being cared for.

Question 13:

NO v

It should be encouraged with measures being put into place to ensure that the right carers get help as budgets won't likely increase. Possible solution – 'means tested criteria'?

Question 14:

YES v

Yes, Guidelines, ensures that rights are met, shaped towards genuine assessment of needs, independent, separate of the caring role, responsive throughout all transitions and stages. Allow for services and budgets to be allocated by Councils.

Question 15:

YES v

Legislation which is responsive, supportive, and planned, at a crucial transition. Young people given the recognition of their needs as independent of their caring role and adaptable to change as they change.

Question 16:

YES v

Always, and all levels. The Carer knows better than government or companies, what is needed and why it is needed; always and at all levels. Doctors and hospitals should talk to people, rather than leave them in the dark. 100% agreement on Q16, by everyone in our group, and is a must (auto right)

Question 17:

YES v

All agencies have to work together rather than one person saying one thing, and someone say's something else. The Carers should be given the money and carry out Support Plan.

Question 18:

YES v

Young carers needs/request should be a required provision and everything should be done in a way that lets them understand things and have things they are read in a format suited for them. Yes we should establish a principle about carers and young people. Should be consulted in the way this is set up.

Question 19:

YES ✓

Better support working with all agencies. All organisations need to chat. Young carers need a different Plan. Involvement of young carers needs to be balanced with the need for education (from a young carer). Need to recognise that involvement for young carers is different from other carers. Young people – Carers Plan needs to incorporate their needs and their views.

Question 20:

YES ✓

Inverclyde CHCP, and previously Inverclyde Council, has always produced a 3 year Strategy for Carers, which is reviewed on an annual basis. This is also the case in many other areas, so there is no need for a statutory duty to be introduced.

Question 21:

YES ✓

The purpose of the 3 year Carers Strategy is to gain carers views and influence what services and supports should be available for carers. However our table felt that it would be useful to introduce statutory provision for local authorities and Health Boards

Question 22:

NO ✓

Carers' Registers should be expanded to hold details of the cared for, so GPs can make better judgements on the carer's health. Carers' Registers should be used for more health checks and doctors should signpost carers to organisations that can help them.

Question 23:

YES ✓

Good practice must be evidence based. There should be pilot schemes to see what works best. One size does not fit all. It may be necessary to modify schemes for rural areas or for areas of deprivation.

Requested permissions

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site). **YES**

Yes, make my response, name and address all available **YES**

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise? **YES**

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