

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The Carer's Assessment: Carer's Support Plan

Question 1: Should we change the name of the carer's assessment to the Carer's Support Plan?

Yes No

Comments: Name change makes it clearer that it is about supporting the carer

Question 2: Should we remove the substantial and regular test so that all carers will be eligible for the Carer's Support Plan?

Yes No

Comments: All carers should be eligible. Mental health carers have to cope with fluctuating symptoms which can make it more difficult to access support

Question 3: Should we remove that part of the existing carer assessment process whereby the cared-for person is a person for whom the local authority must or may provide community care services/children's services?

Yes No

Comments: Carers should be able to access support whether or not cared for person is receiving community care services

Question 4: Should we introduce two routes through to the Carer's Support Plan – at the carer's request and by the local authority making an offer?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 5: Should we remove from statute the wording about the carer's ability to provide care?

Yes No

Comments: Sounds as if the carer is being judged

Question 6: Should we introduce a duty for local authorities to inform the carer of the length of time it is likely to take to receive the Carer's Support Plan and if it exceeds this time, to be advised of the reasons?

Yes

No

Comments: There should be a reasonable timescale for carers to receive a Support Plan to avoid crisis situations developing

Question 7: How significant an issue is portability of assessment for service users and carers?

Comments: It should reduce the need to constantly have to repeat information to different people

Question 8: Should the Scottish Government and COSLA with relevant interests work together to take forward improvements to the portability of assessment?

Yes

No

Comments:

Information and Advice

Question 9: Should we introduce a duty for local authorities to establish and maintain a service for providing people with information and advice relating to the Carer's Support Plan and support for carers and young carers?

Yes

No

Comments: Information needs to be available but should be based locally for carers and existing services and resources need to be maintained

Question 10: Should we repeal section 12 of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 about the submission of Carer information Strategies to Scottish Ministers, subject to reassurances, which are subject in turn to Spending Review decisions, about the continuation of funding to Health Boards for support to carers and young carers?

Yes

No

Comments: If this were to be repealed there needs to be a continued focus from health in identifying , informing and supporting carers and a continuation of funding which should be ring fenced

Support to Carers (other than information and advice)

Question 11: Should we introduce a duty to support carers and young carers, linked to an eligibility framework?

Yes No

Comments: Eligibility must be specific to the needs of carers and be co-produced by carers. Any criteria needs to be produced nationally to avoid inconsistency and have a preventative aspect to it

Question 12: Alternatively, should we retain the existing discretionary power to support carers and young carers?

Yes No

Comments: Discretionary powers should still remain whatever the eligibility framework

Question 13: Should we introduce a duty to provide short breaks?

Yes No

Comments: All carers should be able to access short breaks if identified in the Carers Support Plan

Stages and Transitions

Question 14: Should we issue statutory guidance on the Carer's Support Plan which will include guidance for those undertaking the Carer's Support Plan on managing stages of caring? This would apply to adult carers only. (For young carers, practice guidance will be developed to support management of a Child's Plan through the stages of caring).

Yes No

Comments: Important that there is guidance developed on managing stages of caring....carers need to be involved in developing this guidance

Question 15: Should new carers' legislation provide for young carers to have a Carer's Support Plan if they seem likely to become an adult carer? Any agreed

support recorded in the Carer's Support Plan would be put in place after the young carer becomes a (young) adult carer.

Yes

No

Comments:

Carer Involvement

Question 16: Should there be carer involvement in the planning, shaping and delivery of services for the people they care for and support for carers in areas outwith the scope of integration?

Yes

No

Comments: Important carers are involved in a meaningful way

Question 17: Should we make provision for the involvement of carers' organisations in the planning, shaping and delivery of services and support falling outwith the scope of integration?

Yes

No

Comments: Carers organisations are well placed to be involved

Question 18: Should we establish a principle about carer and young carer involvement in care planning for service users (subject to consent) and support for themselves in areas not covered in existing legislation?

Yes

No

Comments: Carers and young carers and people who use services need to be involved in determining the types of support and services available in their community

Question 19: What are your views on making provision for young carer involvement in the planning, shaping and delivery of services for cared-for people and support for young carers?

Comments: Young carers should have an opportunity to be involved and age appropriate methods can be developed in partnership with young carer support projects

Planning and Delivery

Question 20: Should we introduce statutory provision to the effect that a local authority and each relevant Health Board must collaborate and involve relevant

organisations and carers in the development of local carers strategies which must be kept under review and updated every three years?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 21: Should we introduce statutory provision to the effect that local authorities with Health Boards must take steps to ensure, in so far as is reasonably practicable, that a sufficient range of services is available for meeting the needs for support to carers and young carers in the area?

Yes

No

Comments:

Identification

Question 22: Should there be no legislative provision for GPs or local authorities to maintain a Carers Register in order to support the identification of carers?

Yes

No

Comments: There should be legislative provision

Question 23: Should the Scottish Government ensure that good practice is widely spread amongst Health Boards about the proactive use of Registers of Carers within GP practices?

Yes

No

Comments: There needs to be consistency and GPs are best placed to identify carers at an early stage and it is in their contract

Question 24: Should the Scottish Government ask Health Boards to monitor compliance with the core contractual elements of the GP contract?

Yes

No

Comments: Again this should ensure more consistency

Carer and Cared-for Person(s) in Different Local Authority Areas

Question 25: What are the views of respondents on the lead local authority for undertaking the Carer's Support Plan and agreeing support to the carer where the carer lives in a different local authority area to the cared-for person(s)?

Comments: Should be the carer's local authority

Question 26: What are the views of respondents on which local authority should cover the costs of support to the carer in these circumstances?

Comments: Carer's local authority

Question 27: Should the Scottish Government with COSLA produce guidance for local authorities?

Yes

No

Comments: