

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 - Implementation Steering Group 8

13.00 – 16:00 Tuesday 28 August 2018

SAH, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

Action Note of Meeting

In Attendance

Joe FitzPatrick	Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing
Jamie MacDougall	Deputy Director, SG Carer, Support and Rights Division
Lindsey Henderson	SG Carers Policy Branch (Chair)
Peter Stapleton	SG Carers Policy Branch
Gordon Dodds	SG Carers Policy Branch
Peggy Winford	SG Carers Policy Branch
Joanne Pierce	SG Carers Policy Branch
Michael Mawdsley	SG Carers Policy Branch
Colin Angus	RCGPS
Fred Beckett	Glasgow HSCP
David Beyt	NDCAN
Claire Cairns	COCIS
Chris Creegan	SCLD
Maxine Dinnes	SSSC
Beth Hall	COSLA
Gregory Hill-O'Connor	Alliance
Simon Hodgson	Carers Scotland
Shubhanna Hussein-Ahmed	COCIS
Alison Jarvis	NHS Lothian
Lindsey Lockhart	Healthcare Improvement Scotland
Frank MacKillop	Enable Scotland
Donald MacLeod	Carer
Peter McCulloch	SWS
Kimberley Mroz	North Ayrshire
Suzanne Munday	MECOPP
Shiona Strachan	Clackmannanshire HSCP
Ali Upton	SSSC
Don Williamson	Shared Care Scotland
Barrie Wilson	SSSC
<u>Apologies:</u>	
Mags McCarthy	Crossroads Caring
Carline Amos	North Ayrshire Council
Louise Morgan	Carers Trust
Jane Johnstone	Social Work Advisor
Rami Okasha	Care Inspectorate

Action Note

Item	Discussion	Action
<p>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies</p>	<p>LH introduced the meeting and welcoming the new Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing.</p> <p>The Action Note of the previous meeting had been circulated. Apologies are noted above.</p>	
<p>2. Ministerial Introduction</p>	<p>Mr FitzPatrick thanked attendees for their time and effort, highlighting the importance of the group's work to ensure that the Carers Act delivers positive outcomes for unpaid carers across Scotland.</p> <p>His remarks focused on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noting members' insight and understanding of the everyday challenges faced by carers. • Recognising the importance and the value of the contribution of unpaid carers themselves, and the challenges carers face. • The need for the group's work as a collaborative effort supporting implementation of the Act and managing risks and challenges involved. • The importance of taking shared responsibility to find solutions and take positive action. 	
<p>3. Carers Act Implementation Plan</p>	<p>LH opened the discussion by highlighting the intention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have the plan as a statement of common intent by the ISG, with all members committing to support implementation; • keep the actions within the plan at a high level; and • keep progress, and the plan itself under review at ISG meetings. <p>This approach was agreed.</p> <p>The group then discussed each of the six priorities in the plan in light of feedback provided beforehand and agreed the changes to be made.</p>	<p>SG to revise the plan as agreed and distribute to members for sign-off.</p> <p>SG will create a tracking document to allow ISG members to record work to support the plan's actions ahead of ISG meetings.</p> <p>Note: Agreed actions are recorded in the Implementation Plan.</p>

4. Updates from Membership	<p>This section was significantly shortened due to time constraints.</p> <p>Members reported differing feedback on local demand for carer support. Claire Cairns said that three carer centres had reported significant increases in referrals.</p>	<p>CC to share details with SG Carers Policy.</p>
5. Ongoing Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiving of Charges Group • Section 28 WG • Children's services WG • Finance Group • CATs Fund • Carers Strategic Policy Statement 	<p>Members of Carers Policy and SG Health Finance gave brief verbal updates on the issues summarised in the update paper.</p> <p>Due to time constraints, ISG members were invited to contact SG Carers Policy with any questions.</p>	<p>Carers Policy Statement to be discussed at the next ISG meeting.</p>
6. Carers Census Update	<p>JG gave a short update on the ongoing progress of the carers census.</p> <p>He indicated that an email would be going out to all data providers this week covering a number of issues, including addressing concerns expressed recently by two carer centres over GDPR compliance. He was also talking with COCIS and Carers Trust about this.</p>	<p>JG invited ISG members to contact him to suggest a carer centre to assist in the test run of the Data Recording Spreadsheet.</p>
7. E-Book Presentation	<p>Maxine Dinnes and colleague Barrie Wilson presented and demonstrated the SSSC Ebook, which is due to be released in Android form this week, following its launch on Mac three months ago.</p>	
8. Date of next meeting	<p>29 October, 2018 at 10:00am in St Andrew's House.</p> <p>Future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAH, 10:00am, 28 January • SAH, 10:00am, 2 April • SAH, 10:00am, 26 August 	