

Why do we need new data on Carers?

- to understand whether the Act is having the desired effect
- understand current and forecast demand and associated resources
- build an evidence base to support policy development and practice
- inform business and resource planning
- For benchmarking purposes

- Data used by SG, Local partnerships, National Carers Organisations, researchers, others

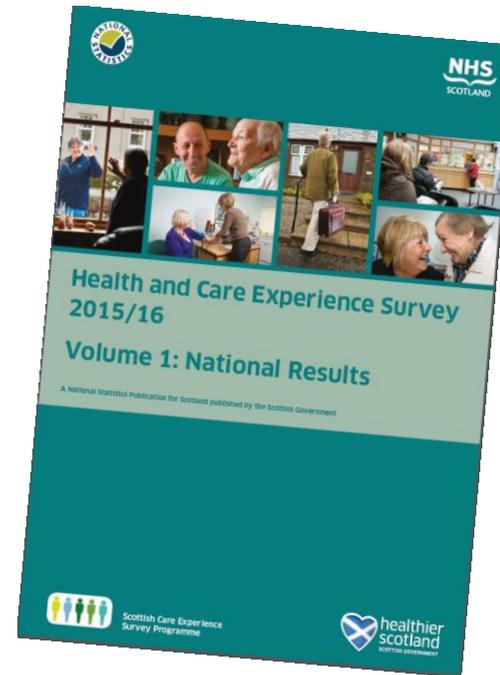
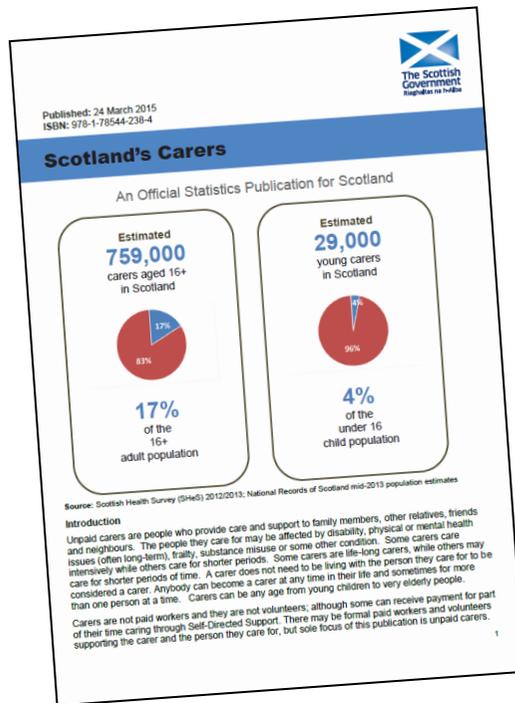
What is currently collected on Carers?

Scotland's Carers
Published 24th March 2015
Brings together statistical analysis and research on caring

Chapters:

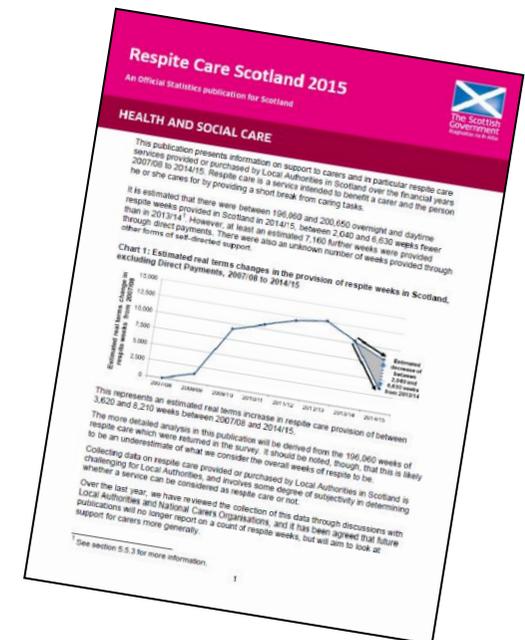
- 1) Who provides care in Scotland?
- 2) Carers' Health and Wellbeing
- 3) Carers' Employment, Health and Finance
- 4) Support for Carers
- 5) Where do carers live?
- 6) Conclusions

Social Care Survey
Identifies carers through client group variable



Health & Care Experience
Published every two years. National Statistics. Provides information on Carer experiences.

Respite Care, Scotland
Published 15th December 2015
Official Statistics on Respite Care – no longer being collected.



What is currently collected locally on Carers?

18 LAs responded to questionnaire on carers assessments in **December 2014**:

- **17** held information on Carer's Assessments within their local Management Information System
- **16** had information on **age** of carer
- **15** had information on **gender** of carer
- **13** had information of **ethnicity** of carer
- **7** had information on whether carer had a **disability**

Carers Assessments

- **13** had information on number of carers assessments **offered**
- **17** had information on number of carers assessments **completed**
- **11** had information on number of carers assessments **declined**
- **5** had information on the **reason why** a carers assessment was declined

13 regularly reported on the number of carers assessments being undertaken

16 said information was held in a way which allow easy reporting of number of carers assessments carried out each quarter

What do we want to collect in future?

- Equalities data
- Adult Carers Support Plan / Young Carers Statement
- Support provided to carers

Equalities / Carer characteristics

- Age
- Sex
- Ethnicity
- Disability

- Sexual Orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Religion

- Hours spent caring each week

Equalities are important to consider in the baseline data collection . These are the nine protected characteristics under The Equality Act 2010.

- Which of these do you routinely collect for carers?

- Which of these should be reported nationally for carers?

Adult Carers Support Plan / Young Carers Statement

- ACSP / YCS offered or requested
 - Number Accepted
 - Number Declined
 - Number completed

It will be important to monitor the number of people coming forward for assessment and the services and support they receive?

- Do you already hold this type of information ?
- Do you carry out assessments in the council or use the 3rd sector?
- If assessments carried out by local carers centre does it make more sense for them to submit data directly.

Support provided to carers

- Is Carer eligible for support (Y/N)

Social Care Survey

already collects data on carers:

SDS options
SDS package value
SDS start / end dates
Contributors to SDS package
Assessed needs
Support purchased
Demographics
Client group

- Will there be carers who get a support package without a ACSP / YCS? How do we capture these carers?
- Some people will be carer and receive service because of disability. How do you currently deal with this?

Finance Advisory Group

Members Include:

Local Authorities, COSLA, National Carers Organisations, Social Work Scotland, Scottish Government

Remit includes:

- establish, if possible a baseline position in respect of current spend and related activity on adult and young carers and available funding (across LAs, NHS Boards and Third Sector);
- establish procedures for monitoring demand, costs and achievements against the Bill's objectives.

Recommendations include:

- collect baseline data ahead of implementation of Carer's Act
- collect information on carer's assessments and support provided to carer to monitor impact of Carer's Act.

How do we take this forward?

- 1) Develop more detailed specification and guidance. Short life working group (2-3 meetings) to take this forward – **Summer 2016**
- 2) Consult with all Local Authorities on the guidance – **Autumn 2016**
- 3) Speak to software providers about new data proposals
- 4) Begin with a quarterly data collection to assess how easy to complete and to consider data quality – **1st quarter Jan-March 2017**
- 5) Refine guidance, publish data and continue with quarterly collection
- 6) Once data quality is good, consider moving to less frequent (annual) collection
- 7) Continue to collect data on Carers for 2016/17 Social Care Survey