
Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 28th June 2018

Subject: Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 Update Report

Report by: Head of Social Services

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. This report provides an update to Council on the implementation of the Young Carers element of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016. Attached to the report as Appendix 1 is the strategy for delivery which contains both logic model and action plan for year one of the strategy.
- 1.2. The strategy for delivery contains the identified short, medium and long term outcomes covering the initial 3 years of implementation. This is a multi-agency plan and both Young Carers and partner agencies have played a full part in the drawing up of this strategy and associated action plan.
- 1.3. The action plan identifies tasks contained in year one of the strategy and identifies the agencies involved in the delivery of the plan. It is anticipated that continuing development of the strategy and ongoing engagement with Young Carers will help to inform subsequent year's action plans.
- 1.4. This report also provides an update on the ongoing work in this area and developments to date in supporting Young Carers including the development of guidance for agencies and the development of the Young Carer Statement.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. To note progress on implementation and provide comment and challenge, as appropriate.
- 2.2. To approve the strategy for delivery and associated year one action plan contained in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 2.3. To agree that annual update reports will be presented to Council to monitor the effectiveness of the strategy in securing positive outcomes for Clackmannanshire's Young Carers.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. Final guidance was issued from the Scottish Government late March 2018 relating to the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016. This has been used to inform the ongoing development of operational guidance and the strategy for delivery.
- 3.2. The work of the multi- agency working group has continued to inform the development of operational guidance and the plans for delivery of the strategy for the initial 3 years. This group has included partners within health, education, Who Cares? and Clackmannanshire and Falkirk Carers Centre(Carers Centre). The outputs from this group have included: production of the strategy for delivery; multi and single agency operational procedures for staff; action plan for year one of the strategy; consultation with Young Carers on the production of the Young Carer Statement (YCS) and associated guidance for those assisting in the completion of the YCS, which was suggested by Young Carers during consultation with them.
- 3.3. A co-production approach has been adopted with Young Carers from the Carers Centre who have been involved in the production of the YCS and guidance materials for both workers and Young Carers. It is envisaged that this group will continue to provide consultation on the development of further materials and feedback on the delivery of services.
- 3.4. The Young Carers group at Lornshill Academy has also been involved in consultation around the YCS and priorities for Young Carers which has helped to inform the Strategy for Delivery and action plan. This group supports Young Carers in school and is delivered in partnership with Wellbeing Scotland. Each of the secondary schools have Young Carers champions identified and groups are being developed in each of the secondary schools in Clackmannanshire similar to the Lornshill group. This will be further rolled out into the Primary schools once the model is proven
- 3.5. A commissioning exercise will be undertaken by the end of Year 1 linked to the financial modelling which was presented in the initial report. Work with the Carers Centre on a pilot basis will help assess the necessary capacity to provide services to meet the requirements of the act. This will form the basis of a business plan going forward to respond to the expected growing identification of carers and demand for support. To assist with the growing demand a Young Carers Worker post is being looked at based within the Carers Centre.
- 3.6. It is proposed that an initial report on progress would be provided at the end of year one. With annual update reports being provided to Council on the progress and development of the action plan for years 2 and 3.
- 3.7. Given the links with the overarching Carers Strategy the reporting arrangements will be both to the Community Planning Partnership via the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Group and to the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership. Education has a NIF (National Improvement Action) for Young Carers Groups. There is also a Young Carers Census reporting to Scottish Government. These reporting arrangements are shown in appendix 1.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. These were covered in the previous report to Council, Implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016- 8th March 2018.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial Details

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

- 5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. Staffing

None

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

- (2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

- 8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

Appendix 1 - Clackmannanshire Young Carers Strategy for Delivery 2018-2021

11.0 Background Papers

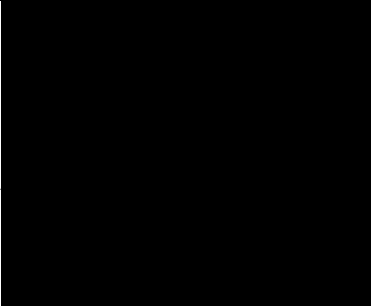
11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

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Clackmannanshire Council Young Carers Strategy for Delivery 2018-2021

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Background

This Strategy sets out the arrangements for the delivery of the duties and powers introduced by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (the Act) for young carers. The strategy outlines the key objectives for agencies working with Young Carers in Clackmannanshire for the next 3 years. It has been developed in partnership with key stakeholders including young carers themselves.

The strategy links to the long term strategic outcomes contained in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP), for Clackmannanshire.

The key outcomes of the LOIP this most closely relates to are:

2. Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life.
3. Woman and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
4. Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

It also relates to the 4 priorities for our children and young people outlined in our Children's Services Plan, that they;

- Are safe from harm
- Have the best possible start in life
- Grow up healthy, confident and resilient
- Have skills for life, work and learning

This strategy is developed in the context of the national outcomes contained within Getting it Right for Young Carers, *The Carers Strategy for Scotland 2010-2015*:

- carers are identified
- carers are supported and empowered to manage their caring role
- carers are enabled to have a life outside of caring
- carers are free from disadvantage and discrimination related to their caring role
- carers are fully engaged in the planning and shaping of services
- carers are recognised and valued as equal partners in care

It is also embedded in the GIRFEC national practice framework and linked to both national legislation; Children (Scotland) Act 1995; Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 2014 and UN convention on the rights of the child.

Young Carers Statements and support should be underpinned by the four general principles contained in the UNCRC:

- all of the rights must be available to all children without discrimination (Article 2)
- the best interests of the child must be a primary consideration in all actions concerning children (Article 3)
- that every child has the right to life, survival and development (Article 6)
- that the child's view must be considered and taken into account in all matters affecting them (Article 12)

Strategy Outcomes and Timescales

The approach taken when preparing this strategy is based on a logic model developed by the University of Wisconsin. The logic model is contained in Appendix 1. Using this short, medium and long term outcomes have been identified. These will provide a basis to inform the allocation of available resources and evaluation of the strategy against agreed objectives.

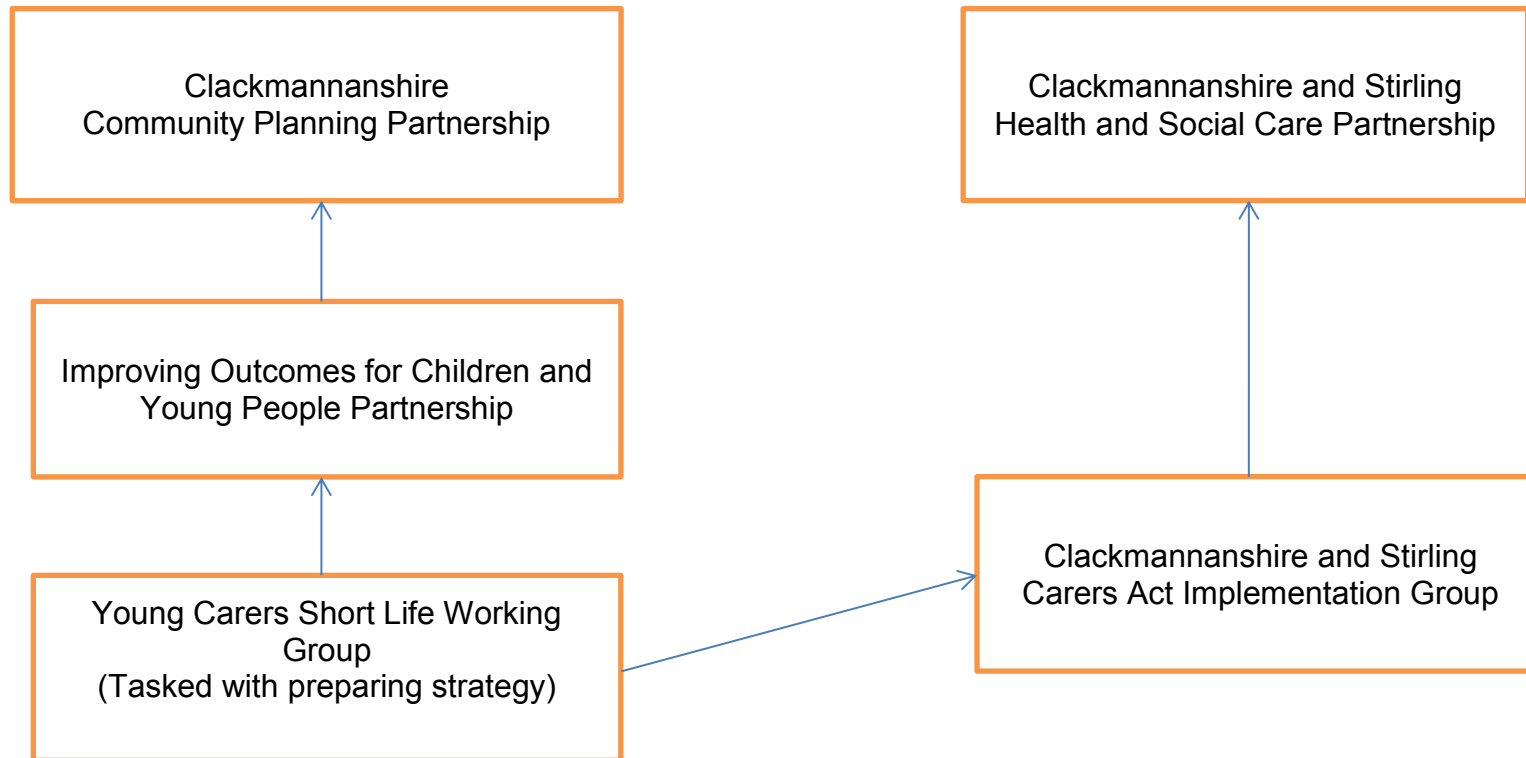
The timescales for the outcomes to be achieved within are provided. It should be noted that some outcomes will require ongoing work stretching across the short, medium and long term. An example of this would be the identification, assessment and support to young carers. However some key tasks will be completed within the short term timescale in relation to this outcome, such as development of Young Carer Statements which will assist with the assessment and support to Young Carers.

As set out, short term outcomes relate to the first 6 months of the strategy, Medium term outcomes relate to the first year of operation with long term outcomes will cover the life of the strategy and beyond.

Reporting Arrangements

The reporting arrangements for this strategy will be via the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Group and the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Carers Act Implementation Group. These groups report to the Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership and the Health and Social Care Partnership, respectively. This is shown diagrammatically. Education has a NIF (National Improvement Action) for Young Carers Groups There is also a Young Carers Census reporting to Scottish Government

Reporting Arrangements for Young Carers Strategy



Action Plan for First Year of Strategy

We have developed an action plan to support delivery of the strategy in Year 1. This sets out the key actions which will be delivered by agencies. This plan will be reported on at the end of year one and a further plan developed based on progress and any new issues identified.

Both Young Carers and partner agencies will continue to be involved in the review and planning of this strategy and this is seen as a vital feature of how this area of practice will develop.

We are grateful for the input and guidance provide by Clackmannanshire and Falkirk Young Carers in the development of this strategy and the ongoing work in developing guidance for both workers and young people.

Action Plan 2018-2019

Identified Outcome	Activity/actions	Timescale	Responsible agencies
Young Carers are identified, assessed and supported	Young Carer Statement in place	June 2018	Local authority, Health Board, Carers Centre and Young Carers group
	Young Carers are recorded in SEEMiS (Education MIS) as long as the young person has given their consent	August 2018	Local authority, Health Board, Carers Centre and Young Carers group
	Guidance developed for completing YCS	May 2018	
Young Carers have access to up to date and appropriate information	Webpage updated	April 2018	Local Authority, Health Board and Carers Centre
	Written materials developed for Young Carers	June 2018	Local authority, Carers Centre and Young Carers group
Staff across agencies are aware of their duties under the act	Staff engagement events	February 2018-June 2018	All agencies, Carers Centre and feedback from Young Carers on materials produced

Protocols for transitions are in place (Young Carers to Adult Carers)	Transition protocols and guidance for staff	May 2018	Local authority - Child care and adult care
Greater awareness of Young Carers role and impact of caring	Awareness raising across services and with public	April 2018 ongoing	All agencies and Carers Centre
Multi-agency training programme in place	Training in place across agencies for all staff	September 2018	All agencies with support from Carers Centre
Short break statement developed and raised awareness of availability	Establish short life working group and develop short break statement	December 2018	Local authority, Health Board and Carers Centre
Increased capacity for services to provide direct support	Commissioning exercise based on available financial resources	April 2019	Local authority

Young Carers feel better supported in their caring roles	All agencies provision of support enhanced and feedback from Young Carers sought Feedback throughout involvement year end service user survey	April 2018 and ongoing April 2019	All agencies and Carers Centre Carers Centre to lead on annual service user survey with Young Carers
Young Carers report improved health and wellbeing	Feedback from Young Carers around improved health and wellbeing Feedback throughout involvement year end service user survey	Ongoing April 2019	All agencies. Carers Centre to lead on annual service user survey with Young Carers