

Caring Together Supporting Carers in Rotherham

Introduction

At its meeting on 3 December 2015 the Health Select Commission received a presentation covering the development of a new Carers Strategy for Rotherham. This has been a partnership approach through a multi-agency group comprising RMBC officers, members of the Carers Forum and health and voluntary sector partners.

Draft Strategy

Attached is the draft strategy which focuses on three outcomes for carers:

- Outcome One: Carers in Rotherham are more resilient and empowered.
- Outcome Two: The caring role is manageable and sustainable.
- Outcome Three: Carers in Rotherham have their needs understood and their well-being promoted.

The paper also includes:

- An introduction that defines who a carer is and includes a four-point pledge
- Statistics about informal care
- Carers rights
- Support for carers from partners
- Feedback from carers, including young carers
- Actions under each of the three outcomes

A detailed implementation plan is also being developed that will form part of the strategy document once completed.

Recommendation

Members of Health Select Commission are asked to:

- Consider and comment on the draft strategy.
- Consider whether monitoring implementation of the action plan should be included in the draft work programme of the commission.

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