

The Borough That Cares Strategic Framework 2022-2025

Creating a Carer friendly Rotherham

Achievements October 2022 - September 2023

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Carers Strategy Manager

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Carers Strategy Manager

- Interim Carers Strategy Manager in post from March 2023 to end of June 2023
- Permanent Carers Strategy Manager in post from July 2023

Initial Focus has been on:

- Networking/Identifying stakeholders
 - Joined the Yorkshire & Humber Carers Lead Group
 - Joined the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership Commitment to Carers Group
- Securing provision of the current carers emergency service until end March 2024
- Undertaking a programme of carers workshops during August/September - 'Carers Conversations' to be completed in October
- Updating the RMBC Website Carers Information pages – further work ongoing



Focus 1 - Carer Cornerstones

- Better Care Fund underspend of £100,000 allocated to the provision of small grants, of up to £5,000 each, to small VCS organisations for projects to improve the health and wellbeing of carers
 - 19 grants awarded
 - Carers to be supported include those caring for people with dementia, mental ill health, parent carers and carers from minority communities
 - Projects funded include physical activity, art therapy, mindfulness and creative craft skills
 - Projects funded will run from August 2023 to end of March 2024



Focus 1 - Carer Cornerstones cont.

- Borough That Cares Strategic Group
 - Borough That Cares Strategic Group continued to meet regularly to share best practice and information
- Advice and Information
 - First Carers Newsletter published in Spring 2023
 - Electronic version available on RMBC website Carers pages
 - Intelligence gathering on user experience of existing advice and information offering
 - Programme of events delivered for Carers Week across the Borough



Focus 2 - Creating Communities of Support

Worked collaboratively with South Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership

- Contributed to version 2 of the Practitioners Guide to Carers Support

Worked with RMBC digital inclusion strategy group to reduce digital exclusion for carers

- Included carer webpages in RMBC's customer portal design

Carers Conversations Co-Production Programme (August to October 2023)

- 14 co-production events (as at Sept 2023) completed in partnership with locality based support groups
- Focus on the themes of accessing advice and information and support services, and improved health and wellbeing
- Outcomes will inform future commissioning decisions



Next Steps

- November 2023, Produce report on the outcomes and commissioning proposals following the engagement work being undertaken, to include:
 - Results of Survey undertaken by Healthwatch, due October 2023
 - Outcomes of the Carers Conversations
 - Feedback gathered at the Rotherham Show
 - Feedback from social care and health professionals
 - Proposals for the ongoing provision of a carers emergency service
- Encourage unpaid carers in Rotherham to take part in the national Survey of Adult Carers in England, 2023-24, administered by NHS England
- Agree terms of reference and commence the Borough That Cares Network Group



Any Questions?

