

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Cabinet – 20 June 2022

Report Title

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Health Select and Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers support.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1: Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers
Appendix 2: Barnardo's Quarter 4 Performance Report
Appendix 3: Draft Barnardo's Young Carers Key Performance Indicators 2022/23
Appendix 4: Case Study
Appendix 5: Equality Analysis Screening
Appendix 6: Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

Health Select Commission – 23 March 2018. Report Title. Findings from Spotlight Review of Support for Young Carers.

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Cabinet – 28 March 2022. Report Title. Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Support for Young Carers

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Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Health Select Commission – 25 November 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022

Cabinet - 28 March 2022

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers

1. Background

- 1.1 The Young Carers Service is commissioned by RMBC Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) to Barnardo's. A review, carried out during 2021, into the Strategic Partnership with Barnardo's recommended that a new grant arrangement to be put in place for the Young Carers Service for 3 years, with annual break clauses. The review concluded that the Young Carers Service is well-established, with clear aims and objectives, with joint investment and funding from a national charity, that leads to good outcomes for young people.
- 1.2 The total service cost is £76,231. With CYPS investing £42,850 and Barnardo's contributing £33,381 from their own funds. Barnardo's also attract additional external funding to support activities for Young Carers.
- 1.3 As part of the discussions of the Adult Carer's Strategy at the 8 July 2021 meeting of Health Select Commission, a spotlight review was undertaken in tandem with Improving Lives Select Commission to examine the support available for young carers both during the pandemic and entering the recovery phase. Members met with service leads from the Council's Early Help Service and Barnardo's on 22 October 2021.
- 1.4 As part of the review Members considered a briefing on the 'Barnardo's Young Carers Service' which provided information related to the background of the service, with detail on the local and national picture for Young Carers. The briefing detailed the aims and objectives of the service including some key service delivery highlights and detail on the successful application the Young Carers Service made to the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). Accompanying the briefing was a power point presentation, Barnardo's Young Carers Quarter 3 (2021/22) Performance Report and Rotherham Voice of the Child Lifestyle Survey 2019 Borough Wide Report.
- 1.5 The three recommendations were generated by Members which derived from discussion during a Q&A session with service leads. This report provides an update on progress against the recommendations, together with details of timescales and accountabilities. The recommendations from the review were agreed by Health Select Commission on 25 November 2021, and by Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 19 January 2022 and Cabinet on 28 March 2022.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The recommendations to Cabinet from the Scrutiny Review – Support for Young Carers were:
 - a) *That action plans and performance matrix be supplied as part of the next update in 6 months' time.*
 - b) *That a plan be developed to address the current data gap in respect of*

young carers who mature into adult carers, with a view to providing the best preparation possible and making this transition as seamless as possible for young carers who may continue to have caring responsibilities into adulthood.

- c) *That consideration be given to how best to provide additional support to young carers seeking to access employment skills, education and training.*

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 The recommendation is that Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.
- 3.2 All of the recommendations have been accepted and Appendix 1 sets out further detail on how the recommendations have been or will be actioned.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 The Strategic Director – Children and Young People’s Services and the Strategic Director – Adult Social Care, Housing and Health have been consulted with regard to the response to the recommendations.
- 4.2 The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health has been consulted regarding the report and its recommendations.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The timetable and accountability are detailed in Appendix 1 (Cabinet’s Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers)

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 CYPS has a Young Carers contract with Barnardo’s as highlighted in para 1.2 and the RMBC contract value of £42,850 is included as part of the annual CYPS budget.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications within the report

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 There are no HR implications within this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 The implications for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults are set out in the attached Health Select Commission report: Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers (background paper) and in the attached Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers (Appendix 1).

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 The recommendations in this report do not impact directly on the current service provision. The commissioned service will continue to offer access to all communities and groups including those with protected characteristics. The specification was developed after thorough consultation and with consideration of the profile of all socioeconomic groups and communities.
- 10.2 An equality analysis screening is attached as Appendix 5. The screening indicates the equality analysis should be updated prior to re-commissioning process. The analysis should consider the recommendations in this report alongside consideration of the profile of all socioeconomic groups and communities including those with protected characteristics.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report. A Carbon Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix 6.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the report.
- 12.2 RMBC has a strategic partnership arrangement with Barnardo's, which encompasses the commissioning of four services including Junction, Reach Out, Advocacy, Young Carers. The partnership also enables RMBC to work collaboratively with Barnardo's to explore additional partnership, funding and innovation opportunities.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 There is a requirement for Rotherham to deliver services to young carers to ensure they are safeguarded and supported. This requires identification of sufficient resource and delivery of good quality services.
- 13.2 The strategic partnership with Barnardo's ensures maximisation of funding opportunities to support the continued joint funding and identification of the required resource. The performance management framework is now in place to manage the commissioned service provider.

14. Accountable Officers

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Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	03/06/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	31/05/22
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	31/05/22

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