

**Salford Carers Strategy Interim Action Plan 11/12**

The current Salford Carers Strategy ran from 2008 to 2011. During 2011 the Census will be carried out and after much campaigning by carers and carers organisations, the questions around caring have been retained. Consequently, the census data will enable us to identify where carers live in Salford, how much caring they undertake, how they rate their health and what their employment status is. In addition we will be able to compare this data to the 2001 census which will enable us to identify any trends or emerging patterns which we may want to consider in the future strategic commissioning of support to carers.

Consequently, the Salford Carers Strategy Board felt that the strategy as it was held good for the time being and agreed that it was sensible to wait to develop a new long term strategy, so that this census data could be incorporated and inform this strategy and the resulting actions. It was agreed that for 11/12 Salford City Council and NHS Salford would identify an interim action plan to ensure that we maintain the momentum of supporting carers that we have gathered over the past three years. A further action plan would also be developed for 12/13 by which time the census data should be disseminated to inform further long term planning.

The interim action plan below has been divided into the five outcomes identified in the 2008 National Carers Strategy (*Carers at the heart of 21<sup>st</sup> century families and communities*) and takes into account the 2010 refresh of the Strategy (*Recognised, valued and supported: Next steps for the Carers Strategy*).

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Carers will be respected as expert care partners and will have access to the integrated and	Support further development of Carers Personal Budgets exploring ways of enabling carers to use their allocation to commission services directly or pool their allocation with other carers	Glyn Meacher (Salford City Council/ NHS Salford)	31.3.12

personalised services they need to support them in their caring role	Support commissioned carers services to make the transition to their service being purchased directly by carers	Glyn Meacher	31.3.12
	Develop 2012/2013 Carers Action Plan and monitor the dissemination of census data to inform a longer term strategy and plan	Glyn Meacher, Toni Doyle ( NHS Salford) GP Consortia	31.3.12
	Ensure that new developments such as Local Healthwatch and the User Led Organisation (ULO) are recognising the contributions, roles, views and needs of carers	Glyn Meacher, LINK In Salford, The Interim ULO Steering Group	31.3.12
	Initiate task and finish group to explore use of audit tool identified in Triangle of Care document to ensure recognition of Carers in mental health services.	Judd Skelton, (Salford City Council/ NHS Salford) Clare Mayo (Salford Community Health & Social Care Directorate), Mental Health Development Board	31.05.11
	Develop an information booklet for family members of people living in supported tenancies	Alison Antrobus (Salford Community Health & Social Care Directorate),	31.3.12

		Carer Representatives	
	Monitor the number of Carers Assessments being carried out with BME Communities to see if the introduction of Carers Personal Budgets has increased the take up .	Glyn Meacher Pratiksha Vara (Salford Community Health & Social Care Directorate),	31.3.12
Carers will be able to have a life of their own alongside their caring role	Develop and share good practice case studies of how carers have used their Carers Personal Budget to bring about improved outcomes	Glyn Meacher Dawn O'Rooke (Salford Carers Centre)	30.4.11
	Undertake six monthly evaluations of Carers Personal Budgets to demonstrate and evidence improved outcomes	Dawn O Rooke	30.4.11 30.10.11
	Salford City Council and NHS Salford to work in partnership to pool financial resources for carers.	Glyn Meacher, Jennifer McGovern (Salford Community Health & Social Care Directorate), Janet Roberts (NHS Salford)	30.6.11
	Evaluate, develop and relaunch Carers Emergency Scheme	Glyn Meacher, Linda Hall (Care On Call), Dawn O Rooke,	30.11.11

		Paul Parlby (Crossroads)	
	Work with commissioned services to support them through the process of change and development and ensure that all carers organisations are working in partnership to ensure that support to carers is as effective and efficient as possible.	Glyn Meacher	31.3.12
Carers will be supported so that they are not forced into financial hardship by their caring role	Healthchecks will be offered to all Salford carers employed by Salford City Council & NHS Salford	Glyn Meacher, Toni Doyle, Joanne McManus (Salford Community Health)	31.3.12
	Salford City Council will ensure that the needs of carers are addressed in the Life Chance Pilots that are currently underway in Little Hulton, Broughton and Winton, areas which according the 2001 Census have the highest number of carers providing over 50 hours care per week .	Glyn Meacher, Diana Martin (Salford Community Health & Social Care Directorate), Tim Field (Salford Community Health & Social Care Directorate), Working Neighbourhood Team	31.3.12
	Work with Job Centre Plus to try to establish joint working protocol to enable better evidenced outcomes for carers .	Glyn Meacher, Mark Inman (Job Centre Plus)	30.9.11

	Commissioned carers services will be asked to explore volunteering opportunities for carers and ex-carers in their organisation. An audit will be undertaken at the beginning and end of 11/12 to ascertain progress.	Glyn Meacher, All commissioned carers services	31.3.12
Carers will be supported to stay mentally and physically well and treated with dignity	Carers Healthchecks will continue to be rolled out and the Healthcheck bus utilised for low uptake groups which are identified by ongoing monitoring.	Glyn Meacher Toni Doyle, Joanne McManus	31.3.12
	A Local Enhanced Service (LES) will be developed with GP's for them to undertake healthchecks with up to 1,000 carers	Glyn Meacher Dawn Lowe GP Consortia, Julia Ellis (Salford Carers Centre)	30.4.11
	The GP Practice Carers Links will continue to be developed and training opportunities identified	Julia Ellis, Toni Doyle Judd Skelton	31.3.12
	Work will be undertaken with Salford Royal to improve information and support to carers.	Bev Tabernacle (Salford Royal Foundation NHS Trust), Julia Ellis, Angela Nottingham (Salford Community Health & Social Care Directorate)	30.9.11

Children and young people will be protected from inappropriate caring and have the support they need to learn, develop and thrive and to enjoy positive childhoods	Develop support to young adult carers using social networks	Charlotte Elmit (Salford Carers Centre) Dawn O'Rooke	30.9.11
	Agree the ADASS and ADCS model Memorandum of Understanding between Childrens Services and Community Health & Social Care <a href="http://www.puttingpeoplefirst.org.uk/library/Resources/Personalisation/Carers/Commissioning/MOU_Working_Together_to_support_young_carers.pdf">http://www.puttingpeoplefirst.org.uk/library/Resources/Personalisation/Carers/Commissioning/MOU_Working_Together_to_support_young_carers.pdf</a>	Glyn Meacher, Debbie Fallon (Salford Childrens Services Directorate), Anne Hayton (Salford Childrens Services Directorate)	31.12.11
	Consult with partners and young carers as to whether young carers should be included in the overall Salford Carers Strategy or whether this needs a separate strategy and progress the preferred outcome.	Glyn Meacher, Anne Hayton, Dawn O Rooke, Salford Young Carers Forum	31.3.12