



REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD –
24 FEBRUARY 2021

REPORT ON: CARERS ACT FUNDING 2020/21

REPORT BY: CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

REPORT NO: DIJB4-2021

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from the Integration Joint Board (IJB) to release resources from additional Carers Act funding 2020/21 within the IJB's delegated budget to projects and services following recommendations from the Dundee Carers' Partnership.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

2.1 Approves the recommendations from the Dundee Carers' Partnership to fund projects and services in relation to additional Carers Act funding 2020/21 contained within the IJB's delegated budget as set out in section 4.3 of this report.

2.2 Remits the Chief Officer to issue direction to Dundee City Council as indicated in section 8 of the report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 These recommendations will cost £18,500 and will be funded from the additional funding received from Scottish Government for implementation of the Carers Act 2014 in 2020/21 and approved within the IJB's delegated budget of £148,000.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 As a result of the impact of COVID on operational services planning and delivery, some of the Carer's Act funding within the IJB's delegated budget for 2020/21 remains unspent. The Carers Partnership agreed to put out a request for bids for this unallocated funding and established an assessment panel to make recommendations to the Partnership in relation to received bids. The Carers Partnership identified 2 priority areas where they would particularly welcome bids in line with the Carers Act: Addressing needs of carers post COVID and supporting the local implementation of Adult Carer Support Plans. Although the focus was to recommend allocations for 2020/21 it was agreed that bids would also be considered for 2021/22, dependent on the outcome of evaluations of existing projects being funded on a year to year basis.

4.2 A request for bids was circulated by Carers of Dundee, shared through social media and e-mailed to those who may be interested in applying. A total of 7 bids were received within the requested timescale. Further proposals for this funding for 2021/22 will be sought during the next financial year.

4.3 Following consideration of recommendations of the assessment panel the Carers Partnership have put forward the following recommendations for approval from this funding:

Applicant	Project/work	Recommendation	Recommended Funding	
			2020/21 £	2021/22 £
Dundee Carers Partnership	Adult Carer Support Plans development	Fully Supported	8,000	
NHS Tayside CAMHS	Family Feeling	Partially supported	500	For further discussion
Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership – the Corner	You Got This	Partially supported - further discussion required to access further funding	10,000	n/a
Total			18,500	

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment. There are no major issues.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk 1 Description	There is a risk that the statutory obligations of the Carers Act are not met
Risk Category	Legal / Operational
Inherent Risk Level	Likelihood 3 x Impact 3 = Risk Scoring 9 (which is High Risk Level)
Mitigating Actions (including timescales and resources)	Provision of sufficient funding from Scottish Government to meet implications of implementation of Carers Act over a 5 year period from 2018/19
Residual Risk Level	Likelihood 2 x Impact 3 = Risk Scoring 6 (which is a Moderate Risk Level)
Planned Risk Level	Likelihood 1 x Impact 2 = Risk Scoring 2 (which is a Low Risk Level)
Approval recommendation	Given the low level of risk associated with this assessment, the risk should be accepted

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Officer and the Clerk were consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 DIRECTIONS

8.1 The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in sections 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Dundee City Council, NHS Tayside or Both	Direction to:	
	1. No Direction Required	
	2. Dundee City Council	X
	3. NHS Tayside	
	4. Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside	

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None.

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DATE: 15th February 2021

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DIRECTION FROM DUNDEE CITY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

1	Reference	
2	Date Direction issued by Integration Joint Board	24 February 2021
3	Date from which direction takes effect	24 February 2021
4	Direction to:	Dundee City Council
5	Does this direction supersede, amend or cancel a previous direction – if yes, include the reference number(s)	No
6	Functions covered by direction	Support to Carers
7	Full text of direction	Dundee Integration Joint Board directs Dundee City Council to provide Carers Funding support to the organisations set out in Section 4.3 of this report.
8	Budget allocated by Integration Joint Board to carry out direction	£18,500
9	Performance monitoring arrangements	Through regular monitoring reports to Dundee Carers Partnership and financial monitoring reports to Dundee Integrated Joint Board
10	Date direction will be reviewed	31 st March 2021

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