



**REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD –
20 APRIL 2022**

REPORT ON: CARERS INVESTMENT PLAN UPDATE

REPORT BY: CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

REPORT NO: DIJB22-2022

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Integration Joint Board (IJB) in relation to work undertaken by the Carer's Partnership following report DIJB38–2021 presented to the IJB meeting of the 25th August 2021 (Article V of the minute of refers), and to seek approval of the updated Carers (Scotland) Act Investment Plan 2022-2023.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- 2.1 Notes the revised spend for 21/22 set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 Approves the Carers (Scotland) 2016 Act Investment Plan 2022-2023 set out in Appendix 2 to this report.
- 2.3 Remits the Chief Finance Officer to bring back a report to the IJB setting out the Carers Partnership's further investment proposals for 2022/23 as noted in section 4.4 of this report.
- 2.4 Requests that the Carers Partnership reviews allocation of recurring funding (including new monies from Scottish Government) in order to ensure that it assists the HSCP to meet its Statutory Duties under the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.
- 2.5 Remits the Chief Officer to issue the directions set out in section 8 below.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Funding of £20.4 million for the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 has been provided nationally as part of local government finance settlement 2022/2023. This is additional to funding provided by the Scottish Government in previous years. The total budget for Dundee IJB for 2022-2023 is £2,151k which has been planned for as part of the IJB's 2022-2023 budget. Of this total amount, £378k has previously been approved by the IJB to be mainstreamed (as set out in Appendix 1). The 21/22-22/23 Carers Investment Plan (DIJB38-2021) previously set out plans for further allocation of £1,261k in 2022-2023.
- 3.2 Anticipated expenditure for 2021/22 has been updated based on actual spend and recruitment progress, and some adjustments to 2022/23 allocations are proposed (as detailed in 4.2 and Appendices 1 & 2). Revised allocations for 2022/23 Investment Plan total £1,132k with an additional £143k of 2021/22 underspend being carried forward by some organisations (total £1,275k spend in 2022/23). An additional £27k for admin support is now also proposed.
- 3.3 The combined effect of the revised Project allocations along with the increased funding from Scottish Government, results in unallocated funding of £614k now being available for allocation in 2022/23.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Funding referred to in 3.1 above is provided to support the Local Authority to fulfil its duties in relation to implementation of The Carers Act (Scotland) 2016. The Act is designed to support carers' health and wellbeing and help make caring more sustainable. Measures include:

- a duty for local authorities to provide support to carers, based on the carer's identified needs which meet the local eligibility criteria.
- a specific adult carer support plan (ACSP) and young carer statement (YCS) to identify carers' needs and personal outcomes (separate funding is available to address the majority of needs of Young Carers).
- a requirement for local authorities to have an information and advice service for carers which provides information and advice on, amongst other things, emergency and future care planning, advocacy, income maximisation and carers' rights.
- a requirement for the responsible local authority to consider whether that support should be provided in the form of a break from caring and the desirability of breaks from caring provided on a planned basis.

4.2 As agreed by the IJB in DIJB38-21, allocations as set out in the Appendix 1 were made for 2021-2022. Anticipated spend has continued to be monitored closely by the Carer's Partnership. Due mainly to delays in recruitment (which are being experienced across the Health and Social Care landscape) significant levels of projected underspend have been identified against these allocations (also set out in Appendix 1). The Carer's Partnership propose that where organisations are able to carry forward funding they are allowed to do so and a corresponding adjustment to the provisional allocation for 2022/2023 is made. This will have the effect of releasing approximately £143,000 of resources for investment in 2022/2023.

4.3 The Carers Partnership further proposes that an allocation of £27,000 is made to DHSCP to provide administrative support to the Carers Partnership.

4.4 The Carer's Partnership is currently working through proposals for further allocations of uncommitted funding which will address identified gaps in the Carers Delivery Plan and legislative requirements. These proposals will be brought back to the IJB in due course.

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	A number of achievements to date have been supported by Scottish Government Carers (Scotland) Act implementation funding. This funding is unlikely to increase in future years which potentially restricts the ability to respond to further increase in demand for carers support..
Risk Category	Financial, Political
Inherent Risk Level	Likelihood 3 x Impact 3 = Risk Scoring 9 (High Risk)
Mitigating Actions (including timescales and resources)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshed Carers Strategy will identify priorities and resource requirements for the period of the strategy.
Residual Risk Level	Likelihood 3 x Impact 2 = Risk Scoring 6 (Moderate)
Planned Risk Level	Likelihood 3 x Impact 2 = Risk Scoring 6 (Moderate)
Approval recommendation	The risk level should be accepted with the expectation that the mitigating actions are taken forward.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief (Finance) Officer and the Clerk were consulted in the preparation of this report. This report has been developed by the Carer's Partnership, which has broad representation from statutory and voluntary bodies, and from Carers. The workstreams have extended this involvement across NHS Tayside, Dundee City Council and wider third sector.

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	
	3. NHS Tayside	
	4. Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside	X

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

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DATE: 06/04/2022

DIRECTION FROM DUNDEE CITY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

1	Reference	
2	Date Direction issued by Integration Joint Board	April 2022
3	Date from which direction takes effect	April 2022
4	Direction to:	Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside
5	Does this direction supersede, amend or cancel a previous direction – if yes, include the reference number(s)	Yes –supersedes direction DIJB36-2021
6	Functions covered by direction	Services for carers in terms of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 Investment Plan.
7	Full text of direction	Dundee City Council is directed to enter into contractual arrangements with all relevant service providers and make provision for services to be provided directly by the council as identified in the Carers (Scotland) Act Investment Plan for the delivery of those services required for the implementation of the Act. NHS Tayside is directed to make provision for services to be provided directly as identified in the Carers (Scotland) Act Investment Plan.
8	Budget allocated by Integration Joint Board to carry out direction	2022-2023 Dundee City Council – £969,802 2022-2023 NHS Tayside – £189,393
9	Performance monitoring arrangements	Through the financial monitoring and workforce planning review arrangements to Dundee Integration Joint Board.
10	Date direction will be reviewed	April 2023

Appendix 1

2021/22 Estimated Expenditure

Work programme	Approved Allocation 21/22	Updated Anticipated spend 21/22	Agreed Carry Forward 22/23
Increase capacity and signposting of Listening Service - NHST	14,000	0	n/a
Increase capacity and remove financial barriers to carers counselling - Dundee Carers Centre	25,000	3,750	21,250
Bereavement Service – DHSCP (NHST)	18,000	18,000	n/a
Young Carers Health Check - NHST	43,000	17,000	n/a
Central Support re HSCP information - DHSCP(DCC)	13,769	0	n/a
Carers Charter Implementation - Dundee Carers Centre	11,200	900	10,300
Awareness raising campaign - Dundee Carers Centre	30,000	20,200	9,800
Drop in support by Lead Scotland re IT - DCC	6,845	1,200	5,645
Adults Carer Support Planning Team	70,000	0	n/a
Streamline assessment process for replacement care to enable a short break - Dundee Carers Centre/DHSCP	43,000	43,000	n/a
Self Directed Support (SDS) posts	35,000	7,443	27,557
Participatory Budgeting - Dundee Carers Centre	40,862	1,130	39,732
Involvement & Engagement Team - Dundee Carers Centre	36,884	8,900	27,984
Increase in respite provision	300,000	300,000	n/a
TOTAL	687,560	421,523	142,695

Appendix 2

Proposed Carers Investment Plan 2022-23

Previously Agreed Mainstreamed Projects

Year 2022/23 Projected Spend	Service to be Delivered & Organisation	Comments
114,744	Caring Places - Dundee Carers Centre	Formerly funded via ICF* - Agreed in Report DIJB28-2019 - Carers Investment Plan 2019/20 Article XIV of minute of 25 th June 2019 refers
32,727	Carers (Scotland) Act Implementation Officer - Dundee Carers Centre	Formerly funded via ICF - agreed in Report DIJB28-2019 - Carers Investment Plan 2019/20 Article XIV of minute of 25 th June 2019 refers
126,908	Caring Places - Dundee Carers Centre	Formerly Agreed in Report DIJB16 – 2021 (Article VIII of Minute of 21 st April 2021 refers)
11,485	Volunteer Co-ordinator -Dundee Carers Centre	Formerly Agreed in Report DIJB16 - 2021 (Article VIII of Minute of 21 st April 2021 refers)
51,258	Strategic Support - Strategy & Performance - DHSCP	Formerly Agreed in Report DIJB16 - 2021 (Article VIII of Minute of 21 st April 2021 refers)
40,915	Learning and Development - Dundee Carers Centre	Formerly Agreed in Report DIJB16 - 2021 (Article VIII of Minute of 21 st April 2021 refers)
378,037	Total of already mainstreamed Projects	
		*Integrated Care Fund

Year 22/23			
Provisional Earmarks(as agreed DIJB 38-2021)	Proposed Revised allocation	Service Description	Comment/rationale
23,500	27,700	Increase capacity and signposting of Listening Service - NHST	Increase availability of low level mental health and wellbeing interventions for carers
49,586	28,336	Increase capacity and remove financial barriers to carers counselling - Dundee Carers Centre	Increase availability of low level mental health and wellbeing interventions for carers
58,000	58,000	Bereavement Service – DHSCP (NHST)	Continued provision of bereavement support to carers bereaved during COVID period and beyond
79,835	79,835	Young Carers Health Check - NHST	Improve health of Young Carers
23,858	23,858	Central Support re HSCP information - DHSCP(DCC)	To provide additional support re service information available to carers and the people they care for.
23,500	13,200	Carers Charter Implementation - Dundee Carers Centre	Promote the uptake of the Charter by employers. Enhance carer identification and carer support in the workplace
30,000	20,200	Awareness raising campaign - Dundee Carers Centre	12-month campaign including TV advert, increase carer identification and knowledge of supports available and promote Short Breaks & Self-directed support
13,690	8,045	Drop in support by Lead Scotland re IT - DCC	Increase the number of carers able to access information and support online
250,000	250,000	Adults Carer Support Planning Team	Increase uptake of ACSP and supports, thus improving carer outcomes, to improve carer identification and to embed practice and principles across the HSCP, enhancing carer experience
128,000	128,000	Streamline assessment process for replacement care to enable a short break - Dundee Carers Centre/DHSCP	Increase carer outcomes through accessing a break including wellbeing and being able to manage their caring role.
75,400	56,800	Self Directed Support (SDS) posts	Support SDS development enhance carer outcomes. Reduce barriers to access SDS and increase uptake.
180,759	141,027	Participatory Budgeting - Dundee Carers Centre	Carers and communities have a direct say over how money is spent to improve carer outcomes in their locality
75,178	47,194	Involvement & Engagement Team - Dundee Carers Centre	Strengthen the support and opportunities for carer participation in the decisions that impact on their lives, services, and communities.
250,000	250,000	Increase in respite provision	Increase provision of respite provision (non chargeable) for carers
1,261,306	1,132,195	Total of updated 22/23 allocations (incl mainstream projects)	
	27,000	Administrative support to Carers Partnership	Provide administrative support to the expanding work of the Carers Partnership
	1,159,195	Total of Proposed Allocations	
	613,769	Remaining funding available to be allocated 22/23	

	2,151,000	Total Proposed Budget	