

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL & HEALTH CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
DATE: THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2012
REPORT BY: OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FACILITATOR
SUBJECT: NORTH WALES (DRAFT) INFORMATION AND
CONSULTATION CARERS STRATEGY

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the draft North Wales Information and Consultation Carers Strategy 2012 – 15.

The report will be presented to the Committee by the Head of Service User Experience, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB).

2.00 BACKGROUND

On 1st January 2012, the Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure came in to force and the guidance for its implementation was issued to Local Health Boards and Local Authorities.

The North Wales Carers Leads Strategic Group was established in 2011 to oversee the development of a strategy. This group consists of representatives from BCUHB, the 6 local authorities and the 3rd sector carers organisations.

The North Wales Information and Consultation Strategy 2012-2015 (draft) - attached as appendix 2 - sets out the key actions that are considered necessary to achieve the cultural change and the minimum requirements as outlined in the Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure 2010 guidance document.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

Please see appendix 1 (attached) which outlines the issues of significance.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee support the submission of the strategy for approval to Welsh Government and the ongoing work of the partnership.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Additional financial implications unknown but anticipated demand for Carers Needs Assessments

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

Positive impact for informal carers

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

N/A.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

Equalities Impact Assessment is currently being undertaken by BCUHB.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

With overview and scrutiny committees across North Wales.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

A multi agency group, with links to carers groups, have developed the strategy.

12.00 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Issues of Significance

Appendix 2 - The North Wales Information and Consultation Strategy 2012-2015 (draft)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

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