




APPENDIX A

Young Carers Strategic Action Plan

#	Action	What success looks like	Owner	RAG, due date and direction of travel.	Progress notes and planned activity.
1	Draft & agree a Memorandum of Understanding between children and adult social care services describing 'no wrong door' for young carers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The needs of young carers are included in Adult Social Care (ASC) plans. Support from Adult Social Care (ASC) is timely. No care package shall rely on children to meet the needs of an adult. Ensure all staff are aware of who to contact for support in either department 	Tom Whitworth, Strategic Manager & Vicky Chipchase, Senior Commissioning Officer	Amber Ongoing 	<p>An agenda item for Young Carers is now included in every Choices for Life Area panel, 3 times per year. This will include representatives from Adult Social Care and the new Care Agents. Transition plans for each young person are discussed with a range of professionals ensuring the young person's needs are met, including consideration for the needs of any people they care for.</p> <p>Young Carers Safeguarding Policy is in draft. To be presented to Safeguarding Board, Childrens Trust and Health and Well Being Board setting out clear responsibilities to identify and address the needs of young carers.</p>
2	Create a role description and recruit a councillor to be a Young Carer Champion.	Awareness is raised of the existence, voice and needs of young carers.	Young Carers' Forum / Dave Willis, Professional Practitioner	Amber 17/11/17 	<p>Role description is completed the job description has been produced by the Young Carers Forum.</p> <p>Councillor to be identified to lead as Young Carer Champion.</p>
3	Establish clear training programmes for education, health and social care professionals for adults and children's services.	Professionals already working with children and young people recognise the role of a Young Carer and make appropriate referrals in a timely manner.	Fiona Moir, Health Promotion Manager & Dave Willis, Professional Practitioner	Amber June 2018 	Public health are leading this work. Event planned for teachers in June 2018, with 100 delegates invited

4	Review & improve data collection and sharing protocols between children and adults services and schools.	Young Carers are identified at an early stage and only have to tell their story once.	Penny Johnson, Youth Offending Information Manager & Wendy Jenner, Targeted Youth Service Operational Manager	Amber January 2018 	Data to be collected directly from schools via Schools Information Management (SIMS) Team. Contact made and costs have been identified. Meeting and Plan in place. Young carer data from caseload information is regularly reviewed at getset Quality Performance Review (QPR) meetings.
5	Review Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFC) proposals in relation to impact on Young Carers to ensure funding for Young Carers to access social support is maintained as per Scrutiny recommendation.	Young Carers access to social support is maintained.	Tom Whitworth, Strategic Manager	Green Ongoing 	Young Carers transport budget subsidised by Targeted Youth Service (TYS). Friends of Young Carers Charity paid for Summer Activity Programme and are financing transport for a Taunton group.
6	Support schools and colleges to...			.	
6.1	a) Put in place processes that identify Young Carers and provide appropriate support.	Young Carers are identified and support enables them to have the same opportunities and choices as those without caring responsibilities.	Dave Willis, Professional Practitioner	Green Ongoing 	Pilot project with 4 schools started April 2017. Report on school projects complete and other schools are being targeted. Facebook and Website are operational
6.2	b) Develop a whole school approach to raise awareness and remove stigma.	Young Carers feel able to discuss their needs and any problems they face without fear.	Fiona Moir, Health Promotion Manager	Amber June 2018 	Training will be delivered June 2018
7	Work with Somerset Local Medical Committee (LMC) to encourage and support GPs to 'think family' when working with adults with caring needs.	GPs recognise the role of Young Carers and make appropriate referrals in a timely manner.	To identify lead	Amber March 2018 	Draft young carers safeguarding policy currently underway. This will to be taken to a multi-agency board including adults and health to raise the issue with system leaders.

