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#	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 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. Young Adult Carers Pathway to adult services has been developed and a service agreement for Young carers Transition to the Somerset carers Service agreed.</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>Councillors have been identified to lead as Young Carer Champion. Tessa Munt and Mike Pullen. They have met the Young carers Forum.</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 	<p>Public health are leading this work. Event planned for teachers in June 2018, with 100 delegates invited.</p> <p>Meeting undertaken with Andrew Fisk to develop an e-learning module. Content will be prepared during summer and launched Dec 2018</p>

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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 	<p>LA has a statutory duty to identify Young Carers but it is not statutory for school to pass this on.</p> <p>We are working to collect the data directly from schools via Schools Information Management (SIMS) Team. Contact made and costs have been identified. Slow progress is being made. Malcom Riches is now supporting this. He has contacted SASH and SAPHTO to get the approval of the schools and discuss how we can approach communicating this with them</p> <p>Young Carer data from caseload information is regularly reviewed at getset Quality Performance Review (QPR) meetings. Need to move from LCS to EHM (Young Carers) to enable us to run reports. We currently keep spread sheets.</p>
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 complete 	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	Dave Willis, Professional Practitioner	Green Ongoing 	<p>Pilot project with 4 schools started April 2017.</p> <p>Report on school projects complete and other schools are being targeted. New schools have been identified and work commenced.</p>

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		caring responsibilities.			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 to schools in 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 	<p>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.</p> <p>This is a large piece of work as there are many independent GP surgeries. Currently GP's are reporting that EHA is prohibitive to making a referral.</p> <p>Agreed at Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust process to identify and refer.</p>