









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 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 • Increase number of referrals from Adult services. 	Tom Whitworth, Strategic Manager & Vicky Chipchase, Senior Commissioning Officer	Amber Ongoing 	<p>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>Somerset Think Family Strategy 2018-2019 includes, Improvement Programme 7 Embedding a Think Family approach across the workforce Outcome <i>"YC's of parents with mental health problems and drug and alcohol problems have advice and support and know how to call for help when they need it."</i> The Priorities include <i>"identify YC's and ensure they have timely advice and support and can maintain engagement with their education."</i></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</p>

					Pullen. They have met the Young carers Forum.
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 	Delivered Teacher training event with Public health. 42 delegates from 35 schools. Meeting undertaken with Andrew Fisk to develop an e-learning module. Content will be prepared during summer and launched Dec 2018
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 	That the Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) has gone out to all schools and includes the relevant changes for young carers, so is compliant with legislation on data sharing. The DSA went out at the end of July and 150 schools have signed so far, giving their consent. Cost of collecting data needs to be paid and data collected. 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.
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	Red 	Proposal to redesign of the whole Young Carers service (incorporate Statutory Duties into other statutory children and adult services), working with the Voluntary and Community Sector to deliver Young Carers respite/participation elements. This has been proposed as part of the MTFP 2018/19 saving proposals. The decision has been postponed until Feb 2019 to

					enable full consolation.
					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. New schools have been identified and work commenced. 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 delivered to schools in June 2018. All Safeguarding leads have been contacted to raise awareness.
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. 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. Agreed at Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust process to identify and refer.