

Intervention planning

Support for Carers

Report to the Lancashire Shadow
Health and Wellbeing Board

Current Reality

- 6.4 million carers in the UK, 133,000 carers in Lancashire
- Over the next 25 years, the numbers of carers are expected to rise to 9 million
- Carers save health and social care budgets an estimated £119 billion annually, £2.5 billion in Lancashire
- There is a range of support available to carers across Lancashire via carers services
- 12,000 carers are currently supported by carers services
- 68.8% of carers say that caring has had an adverse impact on their health
- one third of older carers say they have cancelled treatment or operations because of their caring responsibilities

Response

Identification of carers

- Build professional skills and knowledge to support carer identification and signposting
- Range of carer information to be displayed across a number of organisations
- Review carers awareness training

Consideration of the impact of commissioning on carers

- Organisations to introduce mechanisms to address impact on the carer of all commissioning/de-commissioning activity
- Develop commissioning approaches which reflect carers issues

Anticipated results

- Increased numbers of carers supported and signposted
- Increases in the wellbeing of both the carer and the person they care for
- Increased sustainability in caring role, reducing need for social and health services
- Change in cultures of social and health teams leading to long term changes in carer signposting and recognition
- Increases in numbers of carers having a carers assessment
- Commissioning processes will consider the needs of carers and potential impact

Board members are asked to consider.....



- Signing up to the Lancashire Multi-Agency Carers Strategy (due to be published December 2012)
- Signing an MOU agreeing to promote your organisation/service as a 'carer aware' organisation
- Supporting the roll out of carer awareness training to health and social care staff
- Introducing mechanisms to measure the impact on carers of all commissioning activity