

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Slough Wellbeing Board

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### **PART I**

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **CARING FOR OUR CARERS IN SLOUGH: A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this short report is to bring to the attention of the Slough Wellbeing Board the recent developments in producing 'Caring for our carers: a local Memorandum of Understanding' (MOU), in order to improve the identification, assessment and support of adult and young carers.

##### **2. Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

2.1 Slough Wellbeing Board is requested to:

- a) Note the progress that has been made in implementing the MOU; and
- b) Agree to a further review of the impact and value it has delivered on behalf of carers, by the Health and Social Care / Better Care Fund PDG, in 12 months time.

##### **3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

3.1 Adopting the Carers MOU is in line with two of priorities within the **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020**, namely priority 1: protecting vulnerable children (young carers) and priority 3: improving mental health and wellbeing.

3.2 Data within the **JSNA** helped inform the priorities within Slough's Joint Commissioning Strategy; 'Slough Caring for our carers' 2016-21. Again the MOU is in line with the four priorities within the strategy which are:

- Identification an recognition of carers
- Support for young carers and carers of working age
- Supporting carers to stay healthy
- A life outside caring.

3.3 The MOU also contributes to outcome 2 of the **Council's Five Year Plan: *Our people will be healthier and manage their own care needs.*** Working with partners organisations to help improve the health and well-being of residents, which include

carers is one of the outlined long-term priorities in the five year plan. The MOU is based on principles of strong partnerships.

#### 4. **Other Implications**

- a) Financial - Although there are no direct financial implications in the implementation of the MOU, the contribution that carers make to the local health and social care economy is significant. The help they provide enables the families, neighbours or friends they support to live for longer in their own homes. It is therefore important that carers themselves access timely help and support to enable them to continue in their caring role, as well as have a life outside caring.
- b) Risk Management - None
- c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications – None
- d) Equalities Impact Assessment – None
- e) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications –None

#### 5. **Summary**

*This report provides a brief update to the Wellbeing Board about developments in producing a MOU to support carers. The impact and value of having a local MOU will be reviewed over the next twelve months. Success will be monitored through feedback from individual carers, carers groups, discussion with partner organisations and the Adult Social Care Outcome Framework (ASCOF) indicators relating to carers.*

#### 6. **Supporting information**

6.1 The Slough Wellbeing Board is reminded that in May 2017, it approved the plans to develop a local MOU for carers following the NHS England guidance document :[An integrated approach to identifying and assessing care health and wellbeing](#) . NHS England developed this resource to help local Health and Wellbeing Boards take a more integrated approach to the identification, assessment and support of both adult and young carers by health, social care and third sector organisations. It offered a template MOU for local Health and wellbeing Boards to encourage engagement from local partners to sign and commit to work together to improve outcomes for carers.

6.2 During the last twelve months, discussions and events have taken place with carers and patient panel groups as well as with provider organisation to help develop and then promote a MOU for Slough. Letters have been sent to number of key organisations seeking support and encourage to sign up to it.

6.3 The outcome of this engagement activity is that to date, twelve health and social care partners from within the statutory and third sector have now signed up to the nine principles within the local Slough MOU. In doing this they have committed to working together to ensure a more proactive approach in identifying and supporting carers.

6.3 The Slough MOU will be launched during Carers week in June. Discussions are also continuing to see to see how the principles within the MOU might be rolled out within the Frimley Heath Integrated Care System.

#### 7. **Comments of Other Committees**

7. The Health and Social Care / Better Care Fund Priority Delivery Group has been updated about progress in implementing the Carers Strategy and MOU. This body supported the

devolvement of a local MOU and requested it was taken forward to the Wellbeing Board for final endorsement.

## 8. **Conclusion**

- A local MOU is now in place to help partner organisations work together to ensure carers are identified and access appropriate information support when they need it.
- The MOU will continue to be promoted amongst other partner organisations to encourage wider sign up.
- The impact of adopting this approach will be also reviewed over next twelve through discussion with carer groups, partner organisations and ASCOF indicators relating to carers.

## 8. **Appendices**

A - Caring for our Carers in Slough: A Memorandum of Understanding

B - Slough Caring for Our Carers – Joint Commissioning Strategy 2016-2021.

## 9. **Background Papers**

[An integrated approach to identifying and assessing care health and wellbeing](#)