

**Wiltshire Council**

**Health and Wellbeing Board**

**28 September 2023**

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**Subject: Draft All age carers strategy and delivery plan 2023- 2026**

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**Executive Summary**

Whilst we have made progress through the previous Wiltshire Carers Strategy, we still have further to go. Each year in a national survey, carers are asked five questions about their experiences.

Although carers in Wiltshire report better-than-average satisfaction with the support they get, and often feel part of the decision-making process, they currently report poorer quality of life and social contact than the national and regional averages.

We also have hidden need – for example people with a learning disability living at home with older parents are unknowns to us until there is carer breakdown or parents pass away. This draft strategy and delivery plan has been co-produced with carers of all ages across Wiltshire, as well as consultation with people who are cared for, and service delivery partners.

Our approach needs to meet the needs of carers and the cared for in the context of changes post COVID, the cost of living, advances in technology and changes in the care market.

We have looked at examples of good practice in the South West and nationally to better understand what is possible and how to deliver it in the most effective way.

This strategy will inform the commissioning of services going forward, and the way in which we measure the impact of our commissioned services.

**Proposal(s)**

It is recommended that the Board:

- i) Notes and comments on the draft strategy

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**Reason for Proposal**

To consult with HWB on the draft strategy

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