

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Board Meeting	22 nd July 2026
Title of Report or Presentation	Carers Strategy: 12 Month Progress Update (2025/26)
Executive Summary Section	
Good progress has been made in delivering the Carers Strategy during 2025/26, with improvements in the identification of carers, access to support, workforce awareness, and partnership working. Demand for support continues to grow, with more carers being identified and accessing assessments, information, advice, and wellbeing support. Commissioned services and partners have expanded their reach, supporting more adult and young carers, including carers who may not previously have accessed support. Co-production has remained central to delivery and is informing the ongoing refresh of the Carers Strategy. Whilst demand and complexity continue to increase, the focus for 2026/27 will be on strengthening early identification, improving preventative support, reducing inequalities, and progressing a co-produced refreshed strategy alongside the regional Commitment to Unpaid Carers.	

Health and Wellbeing Board Action Request		
[Double click on box]	Type	Reasoning
☐	Decision Needed	If a decision is needed or additional funding is sought, please indicate whether a funding stream has been identified:
☒	Endorsement Needed	If an endorsement of a way forward is needed, please provide details: The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to: - Note the progress made over the last 12 months in delivering the Carers Strategy - Support continued focus on: - Early identification - Preventative and wellbeing support - Reducing inequalities - Support the co-produced refresh of the Carers Strategy - Recognise and endorse the Regional Commitment to Carers, supporting its adoption as a shared framework to strengthen collaboration and improve outcomes for carers, and to progress towards formal signatory status.
☐	Information Sharing Only	

Health and Wellbeing Board Theme	
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☐	Giving Every Child and Young Person the Best Start
☒	Financial Security to Lead Healthy, Fulfilling Lives
☒	Safe and Healthy Places to Live, Learn, and Work
☒	Good Mental Well-Being and Social Connectivity Across the Life Course
☒	Fair Delivery of Service
☒	Public Involvement and Community Engagement

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