



Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

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PART 5

LOCAL CARER STRATEGIES

31 Duty to prepare local carer strategy

- (1) Each local authority and relevant health board must jointly prepare a local carer strategy.
- (2) A local carer strategy means a document setting out—
 - (a) plans for identifying relevant carers and obtaining information about the care they provide or intend to provide to cared-for persons in the local authority's area,
 - (b) an assessment of the demand for support to relevant carers,
 - (c) the support available to relevant carers in the authority's area from—
 - (i) the authority,
 - (ii) the relevant health board,
 - (iii) such other persons and bodies as the authority and relevant health board consider appropriate,
 - (d) an assessment of the extent to which demand for support to relevant carers is currently not being met,
 - (e) plans for supporting relevant carers,
 - (f) plans for helping relevant carers put arrangements in place for the provision of care to cared-for persons in emergencies,
 - (g) an assessment of the extent to which plans for supporting relevant carers may reduce any impact of caring on relevant carers' health and wellbeing,
 - (h) the intended timescales for preparing adult carer support plans and young carer statements,
 - (i) such other information as the authority and relevant health board consider appropriate.
- (3) A local carer strategy must contain information relating to the particular needs and circumstances of young carers.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) Before preparing a local carer strategy, the local authority and the relevant health board must jointly—
- (a) consult such persons and bodies representative of carers as they consider appropriate, and
 - (b) take such steps as they consider appropriate to involve relevant carers.
- (5) In this section “relevant carers” means—
- (a) carers who reside in the area of a local authority (whether or not they provide or intend to provide care for cared-for persons in that area), and
 - (b) carers who do not reside in the authority’s area but who provide or intend to provide care to cared-for persons in that area.
- (6) In this Part “relevant health board”, in relation to a local authority, means—
- (a) if the area of the local authority is the same as that of a health board, that health board,
 - (b) if the area of the local authority is not the same as that of a health board, the health board within whose area the area of the local authority falls.