

**Meeting:** Cabinet

**Date:** 18 February 2025

**Wards affected:** All wards

**Report Title:** Torbay Interagency Carers' Strategy Action Plan 2024-27

**When does the decision need to be implemented?** N/A

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## 1. Purpose of Report.

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- 1.1 The Torbay Interagency Carer's Strategy 2024-27 was adopted by the Council in March 2024. This report proposes the endorsement of the associated Action Plan, with a focus on the Council's actions and commitment to deliver the Strategy. The Strategy and action plan are attached at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 The inter-agency Carers Strategy came before the Overview and Scrutiny Board in March 2024. The Board requested Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to be developed against each of the Carers' five 'I statements', and that quarterly updates would be provided to Cabinet. These KPIs (set out at Appendix 1) were co-produced with Carers and these, with the Strategy and action plan for 2024-25.
- 1.3 The Strategy Action Plan KPIs update for Quarter 3 is attached as Appendix Two.

## 2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

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2.1 The Carers Strategy Action Plan is planned around multi-agency commitments to address the 'I statements' from Carers. These are:

- 'As soon as I start my caring role, I want to be identified, recognised and valued as a Carer.'
- 'I want to be able to easily find information, advice and support to meet my needs as a Carer'
- 'I want to know that every Carer involved in a person's care can have a Carer's assessment when they need one.'
- 'I want to be confident that Carers guide all things that affect them.'
- I want the care and support to the person that I care for to also meet my needs as their Carer.

## 3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

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1. That the Torbay's Interagency Carers' Strategy Action Plan 2023-27 (as set out at Appendix 3) be endorsed and approved.
2. That the overall Strategy KPIs update for Quarter 3 be noted
3. That the Council's specific actions be approved.

## 1. Introduction

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1.1 The 2024-27 Strategy was adopted in March 2024. This paper updates Cabinet on the actions committed to by Torbay Council, and more broadly by Partners.

## 2. Options under consideration

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2.1 There are no other options under consideration.

## 3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

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3.1 There are no additional financial implications

## 4. Legal Implications

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4.1 This Strategy meets the legal obligations of Health and Social Care organisations under:

- Care Act 2014
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Health and Care Act 2022

## 5. Engagement and Consultation

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5.1 There has been extensive consultation with the Carers of Torbay. This has been managed by Engaging Communities South West in order to maintain independence.

5.2 Carers have also been involved in shaping the strategy and action plans. Carers produced the 'I statements' around which both the strategy and action plan are based.

5.3 Carers' Representatives sit on the Strategy Steering Group and all working parties.

## 6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

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6.1 Any services procured or provided by the public sector organisations under this Strategy will meet Social Value Act (2012) requirements.

## 7. Tackling Climate Change

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7.1 This Strategy does not alter ways of working that will impact on Climate Change. However on-line meetings, courses and support, with the associated benefit for Climate Change will continue to be developed.

7.2 There are Carers' Centres in each town which will reduce unnecessary travel. These are all accessible by nearby public transport.

## 8. Associated Risks

- 8.1 If the action plan is not implemented this could have significant negative impact on Torbay's Carers, their health, wellbeing and feeling of value. This would impact on the health and wellbeing of people they care for, and by increasing the risk of Carer breakdown, increase admissions to hospital / residential care and strain on Torbay's Health and Social Care.

## 9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups'

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people	Young Carers and older mutual Carers		
People with caring Responsibilities	Yes		
People with a disability	Yes - indirectly		
Women or men	(Targeting male Carers as underrepresented)		No differential
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)	Yes – explicitly targeting these groups to have positive impact		
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			No differential
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	(promoting support to LGBTQ+ Carers)		No differential
People who are transgendered	(as above)		No differential
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			No differential
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave			No differential
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	Addressing support with Carers' finances and in areas of deprivation		
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	Positive impact on Carers' Health and Wellbeing and those who they care for.		

## 10. Cumulative Council Impact

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10.1 None

## 11. Cumulative Community Impacts

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11.1 None