



The Scottish Government

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- “1 in 8 are unpaid carers”
- 668, 200 carers in Scotland
- Update on statistics (possibly) through the 2011 Census

Outline

- The overarching context
- Progress
- Themes
- Young carers
- Carers
- Links with UK policy
- Short breaks for carers

The Context (1)

- **Strategic Objectives:**

- We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people
- Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens
- We live longer, healthier lives
- We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society
- We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk

- **The Concordat**

- Single Outcome Agreements
- Reductions in ring-fencing
- Specific commitments: carers' support - additional respite weeks

- **The Manifesto**

- Guaranteed annual entitlement to respite for carers in greatest need

The Context (2)

- Scottish Executive response to **Care 21** Report – The future of Unpaid Care in Scotland
- **Revise National Carers' Strategy**, with CoSLA and led by two steering groups
- Spending Review 2011-14
- Reconfigure existing services
- Share best practice
- Partnership working

The Context (3)

- Demographics – an ageing population (GRO (Scotland))
 - Scotland's 65+ population projected to rise by 21% between 2006-2016
 - For the 85+ age group specifically, a 38% rise is projected for 2016
 - Implications for unpaid carers including elderly unpaid carers? Intensive needs = intensive unpaid caring or intensive needs = less unpaid caring or in between?

Progress (1)

- Additional £4m to local authorities for an additional 10,000 respite weeks
- Short breaks guidance (with CoSLA)
- £9m over three years to support Health Boards - NHS Carer Information Strategies
- Young carers' services self-evaluation guide
- Young carers' issues to be covered in all mainstream policy and guidance for all children and young people
- Funded National Young Carers Festival. Funding for two more Festivals

Progress (2)

- Community Care Outcomes Framework
- £34m support to families of disabled children
- £280,000 to NCOs to support three pilot projects specific training for carers in BME communities, in rural settings and at risk of hospital admission

Themes

- Cross-cutting and linkages with wide range of policies
- Support positive outcomes for carers, and those being cared for
- What works
- Improve carer identification, recognition, support, training, sustainability
- Equalities/Diversity
- Role of universal and targeted services
- Personalisation
- Role of law, service configuration, awareness etc

Young Carers

- Young Carers' Steering Group
- Lift-out young carers section in carers' strategy
- Getting it Right for Every Child
- Early Years' Framework
- Integrated Children's Services Plans
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Children and young people first
- Identification of young carers
- Support for young carers
- Mapping of young carers' services (Princess Royal Trust for Carers)
- Awareness raising (eg with GPs, teachers, social work staff)
- Young carers in transition
- Access (eg to FE, training and employment)

Carers

- Specific needs of different groups of carers
- Positive outcomes
- Awareness and understanding across services
- Short-term and long-term priorities
- Crisis and prevention

Links with UK policy

- Reserved areas
 - Benefits and allowances
 - Income and employment
 - Law (some)
 - UK Government's Carers' Strategy

Short breaks for carers

- Concordat Commitment: Extra Respite Weeks
 - 10,000 additional respite weeks by 2011
 - use current definitions of overnight and day respite
 - Monitoring locally to ensure targets are met
 - Councils' forward planning on respite care
 - Short breaks guidance (with CoSLA)
 - Funding to Shared Care Scotland for development of a Care Break (respite) Planning and Evaluation Tool

Influencing

- Direct contact with us
- Feedback via National Carer Organisations
- Feedback via other organisations
- Web page on unpaid carers – will list members of Steering Groups
- Communications plan

- **Thank you!**