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Local Eligibility Criteria for Carers

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West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership is committed to ensuring carers can access support to ensure they are able to continue in their caring role and consequently believe that the best option for carers and their cared for people is to have an eligibility criteria which reflects this position.

West Dunbartonshire HSCP undertook a process of consultation and engagement with carers to determine carers' wishes and views thus ensuring that any local eligibility criteria meets the needs of local carers.

The publication of local eligibility criteria is stipulated by the Scottish Government and required by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

Our eligibility criteria will be monitored and reviewed after implementation in April 2018 to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our local carers and again as stipulated by the Scottish Governments and as required by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

Part 3 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 introduces an explicit duty for LA's to support carers who meet local eligibility criteria.

The eligibility criteria to be adopted within West Dunbartonshire for carers; ensures that no carer will be excluded from receiving support from a range of opportunities, wider agencies and support organisations following assessment; thus supporting a preventative and early intervention approach to supporting carers.

In West Dunbartonshire, carers are able to access support as appropriate to their assessed needs and the forthcoming legislation will enhance the existing position and will support current practice. It is believed that the proposed eligibility criteria in West Dunbartonshire will ensure there are no barriers to carers accessing support and services.

All carers are offered a carers' assessment and support offered will be based on assessed need.

A person describes themselves as a carer caring for another person; this person can be of any age.

The support offered can include for example respite; care at home services; Technology Enabled Care; onward referral to third sector and community support services for adults, children and young people.

Step 1	Tier One	Carer Conversation is recorded within the cared for persons Single Shared Assessment (SSA)	<p>Workers should have a conversation with the carer and record this conversation within the SSA of the cared for person which should then be input into Carefirst. This conversation and subsequent record will contain relevant questions around the caring role that the carer is undertaking detailing the type of support being provided by the carer.</p> <p>The final question will be -</p> <p>Is there a requirement for Adult Carers Support Plan or Young Carer Statement?</p> <p>If the answer to this is YES the worker should then move onto completing a Tier 2 Adult Carer Support Plan.</p>
Step 2	Tier Two	Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement	<p>Tier 2 Adult Carer Support Plans or Young carer Statements should be completed after a Tier 1 Carer Conversation has taken place and it has been identified that the carer needs or has requested a full Adult Carer Support Plan. This Tier 2 form will contain more detail than the initial Tier 1 Carer Conversation within the SSA of the cared for person and will detail the support required for the carer and the personal outcomes that the carer wants to meet. This form will be loaded into Carefirst.</p> <p>What support is required from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • statutory sector • third sector • independent sector • self-management / social prescribing?

Step 3	Outcomes	Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement	<p>Will be captured by the Tier 2 Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement as above.</p> <p>What level of support will be provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • statutory sector • third sector • independent sector
Step 4	Service	Self-Directed Services	Workers will explain how carers can have their support arranged i.e. the 4 self-directed support options and will assist the carer to choose from the 4 Self Directed Support options available.
Step 5	Service Review	Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement	The Tier 2 Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement will remain in place until a review is undertaken. Review of support will normally take place annually or when there has been a significant change to the carers or to the cared for persons circumstances. The review of the ACSP can be done by statutory services or third sector partners.