Oxfordshire Carers’ Strategy Refresh
Information Sheet

What is the Joint Oxfordshire Carers’ Strategy and why does it need to be refreshed?

Many people in Oxfordshire provide unpaid care by helping to look after friends or family members who are frail, ill or disabled.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) and their partners, including Carers UK, are developing a refreshed and revised Joint Oxfordshire Carers’ Strategy for 2013-2016.

The refreshed strategy is being developed for the following reasons
  • The previous strategy has come to an end
  • A new model of carers support has been introduced since the previous strategy was developed
  • To take account of the refreshed National Carers Strategy (2010).

The refreshed Oxfordshire strategy will inform the strategic planning and commissioning of support for all groups of carers, including young carers and those caring for someone with a mental health condition.

What are the new priorities for the refreshed strategy?

We have identified 7 strategic priorities for our refreshed Joint Oxfordshire Carers’ Strategy.

1. Improving carers’ experiences of health and social care services
2. Giving carers effective support and opportunities for a break
3. Increased carer identification
4. Improving the health and wellbeing of carers
5. Helping carers to fulfil their education, employment and training potential
6. Supporting carers through transitions
7. Helping those carers who need more support
How can I get involved?

We would like to consult with the people of Oxfordshire to make sure we have got the strategic priorities right, and to refine and improve them.

We are seeking answers to the following questions:

1) Have we got the 7 strategic priorities right?
2) What else should we include and why?
3) Are there any other comments that you would like to make?

You can let us know your views in the following ways

Visit our online portal – where you can find out more about the project and fill in a short consultation response form to let us know what you think. https://publicinvolvementnetwork.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/carerstrategy/consultationHome

Fill in a short consultation response form – the form is available online https://publicinvolvementnetwork.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/carerstrategy/consultationHome or you can get a hard copy by emailing talking.health@oxfordshirepct.nhs

Come along to a public meeting – we will be holding a public consultation meeting on 17 January 2013, 1pm – 3pm at Oxford Town Hall. You can find out more and sign up by contacting Carers Voice, Michelle Evans on michelle@oxoncarersforum.org.uk or by telephone on 01235 520440.

How long have I got to tell you what I think?
The consultation will run from 10 December 2012 until 1 February 2013.

What happens next?
Once the consultation has ended, we will review all the information and views that people have submitted and that we have collected. We will be looking to see whether people support our suggested strategic priorities and their ideas on how we can refine and improve them.

We will produce and publish a summary of what people told us and how we have taken account of their views.
We will then develop our final Joint Oxfordshire Carers’ Strategy 2013-16, which will be informed by what people have told us.