

Supporting People to Live Well in Renfrewshire

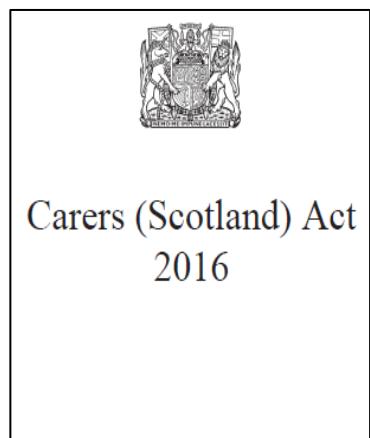
What's the project/initiative?

Implementing the new Carers' Act

Every week, unpaid carers provide over 214,000 hours of care in Renfrewshire.

What does it involve?

The Carers' Act will commence in April 2018 and introduces a number of duties and provisions for the HSCP and its partners to implement, including:



- A new definition of carer - "an individual who provides or intends to provide care for another individual";
- Replacing carer assessments with Adult Carers Support Plans (and Young Carers Statements for young carers);
- Requiring carers to be involved in the hospital discharge process for the person they care for; and
- The requirement to develop eligibility criteria for carers.

An Implementation Group made up of carers, the Carers Centre, the HSCP, Children's Services and other relevant organisations is working on implementing the Act. The main focus for the implementation work is developing eligibility criteria and the new Adult Carers Support Plan; communicating to staff and carers what is in the Act; implementing the Act in a way that does not have an adverse impact on the support carers receive; and ensuring our staff have the knowledge and skills they need to put into practice what is in the Act.



Parents' Support Group visiting the Transport Museum

Carers are highly valued by Renfrewshire HSCP and we work closely with the Carers' Centre based at Unit 55 Embroidery Mill, Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley. If you want to refer a client for support from the Carers' Centre, call 0141 887 3643.

Every year, approximately 500 new carers receive support from the HSCP and its partners; this support includes respite, training, information, emergency planning and advocacy. Implementing the Act will ensure that carers continue to be supported to continue to care, if they so wish, in better health and to have a life alongside caring.

Our vision is for Renfrewshire to be a caring place where people are treated as individuals and supported to live well