

**Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board**  
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<b>Report Topic:</b>	Sandwell Joint Carers Strategy 2022-26
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<b>Link to board priorities</b>	<p><b>1. We will help keep people healthier for longer</b></p> <p>The Joint Carers Strategy 2022-26 aims to make life better for Carers – it will ensure that Carers in Sandwell will be supported to look after their own physical health and mental wellbeing. and to prevent or reduce the risk of crises and support them in managing any crisis better.</p> <p><b>2. We will help keep people safe and support communities</b></p> <p>The strategy aims to support carers to access community based support in order to keep them safe and help them to feel part of their communities, and address loneliness and isolation, particularly in times of crisis, bereavement and loss.</p> <p><b>3. We will work together to join up services</b></p> <p>The strategy aims to encourage the Council and other Statutory partners to train and develop its staff to identify carers and signpost them to appropriate support. The strategy also promotes the adoption of innovation and best practice, including more joined up support for carers and their families, as well as building on feedback from carers as experts by experience,</p>

	<p><b>4. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services</b></p> <p>The strategy aims to raise the profile of caring within Sandwell and to ensure that under represented carers' voices are heard and supported. This includes local carers who are young carers, carers who are parents, carers from minority ethnic groups and communities and others who may be more likely to be unidentified and unsupported.</p>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To seek sign off and endorsement from Health and Wellbeing Board for the Joint Carers Strategy 2022-26.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health and Wellbeing Board to endorse and approve publication of the Joint Carers Strategy 2022-26.</li> <li>2. Health and Wellbeing Board to request 6 monthly updates of progress in relation to implementation of the strategy</li> </ol>
<b>Key Discussion points:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any outstanding endorsements from partners. The Strategy was supported by Sandwell Health and Care Partnership Board on 21 June.</li> <li>• Any final comments before Health and Wellbeing Board endorses the Strategy</li> <li>• The importance of partners now delivering on the actions contained within the Strategy</li> <li>• The importance of reaching out to and supporting seldom heard and underrepresented carers in the community.</li> </ul>

<b>Implications (e.g. Financial, Statutory etc.)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need to consider the interests and needs of carers as part of 'Ordinary Business'</li> <li>• The need to support the Voluntary and Community Sector to leverage external funding for projects to support carers that complement and contribute to the Joint Carers Strategy.</li> </ul>	
<b>What engagement has or will take place with people, partners and providers?</b>	Engagement in relation to the Strategy has been covered extensively in previous presentations on the Strategy at Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Sandwell Joint Carers Strategy 2022-26

