



**REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2018**

**SUBJECT: SHORT BREAKS SERVICES STATEMENT FOR ADULT AND YOUNG CARERS IN MORAY**

**BY: HEAD OF SERVICE, STRATEGY & COMMISSIONING**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Board of the statutory requirement for the production and publication of a Short Break Services Statement for Moray.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) approve for its interest the Short Breaks Services Statement for publication as required under section 35 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 came into force on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and brought with it a number of duties for local authorities. These include the production and publication of a Short Breaks Services Statement. MIJB has responsibility for this Statement in relation to those of 18 years and over but Moray Council retains the responsibility in relation to those under 18 years of age.
- 3.2 Guidance was produced by Shared Care Scotland to support local authorities to produce these statements and ensure that they contain at least the minimum information legislatively required.
- 3.3 Using the above guidance, a joint Short Breaks Services Statement has been produced for adult and young carers. **(APPENDIX 1)**. This Statement was presented to Moray Council for consideration and approval in regard to the young carers aspect and was approved on 31 October 2018. (Para 6 of the draft Minute refers).
- 3.4 Quarriers has been undertaking consultation with carers about this Statement prior to consideration by the MIJB/Moray Council.

- 3.5 The purpose of the Short Breaks Services Statement is to provide information to carers and cared for people so that they:
- Know they can have a break in a range of ways
  - Are informed about short breaks that are available
  - Have choice in the support they access
  - Can identify what a short break means for them, and how they can be supported to meet their needs and achieve their outcomes.

#### **4. KEY MATTERS RELEVANT TO RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The MIJB/Moray Council has a responsibility to produce and publish the Short Breaks Services Statement by 31 December 2018, failure to do so will result in a breach of legislative duty.

#### **5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)) and Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Plan 2016 – 2019**

This report is in line with the above:

- Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan - Ensure Caring and Healthy Communities
- Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Plan 2016-2019 – Carers can continue their caring role whilst maintaining their own health and wellbeing.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The production and publication of this document is a legislative duty under Section 35 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

**(c) Financial implications**

None directly arising from this report

**(d) Risk Implications and Mitigation**

None directly arising from this report

**(e) Staffing Implications**

Resource will be required to update this document on an annual basis

**(f) Property**

None directly arising from this report

**(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**

There are no direct equalities issues associated with this report

## **(h) Consultations**

Consultations have been undertaken with the following people who agree with the content of this report with regard to their area of responsibility:

Pam Gowans, Chief Officer

Tracey Abdy, Chief Financial Officer

Jeanette Netherwood, Corporate Manager

Margaret Forrest, Legal Services Manager, (Litigation and Licensing)

Jane Mackie, Head of Service

Sean Coady, Head of Service

Roddy Huggan, Service Manager

Joyce Lorimer, Service Manager

Lesley Attridge, Service Manager

## **6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 The Short Breaks Services Statement provides unpaid carers with information and is part of a suite of intended improvements for carers brought about by the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016**
- 6.2 Moray Integration Joint Board are asked to approve the Short Breaks Services Statement for publishing.**

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Background Papers: With the author

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