

## Dundee Carers Partnership

Dundee Carers Partnership is a multi-agency partnership group who work together to make a difference for carers in Dundee. The group aim to improve outcomes for carers and make the best use of the resources available to do this. The Strategic Plan 'A Caring Dundee' sets out our local priorities and how we will achieve our strategic vision and strategic outcomes. You can view the strategy at: [www.dundeehscp.com/publications/caring-dundee-strategic-plan-supporting-carers-dundee](http://www.dundeehscp.com/publications/caring-dundee-strategic-plan-supporting-carers-dundee)

Together, our Carers Partnership have carried out a significant amount of work in implementing the Carers (Scotland) Act (the Act), which came into force on 1st April 2018. The 'What's Best for Dundee Carers' pilot project contributed to national work on carers matters and was selected as a Scottish Government pilot area to test a number of aspects of the legislation through consultation and engagement activities. This included developing and testing support to Adult Carers through the development of the Adult Carer Support Plan, development of the Local Eligibility Framework and the Short Breaks Services Statement.

In supporting Young Carers, the multi-agency Young Carers subgroup of the Carers Partnership are leading on the development of supports available to Young Carers in Dundee. This has involved awareness raising activities to support the identification of young carers in schools, through organising a series of 'School Roadshows' in partnership with Dundee City Council Education Department. A total of 8 secondary schools were visited across Dundee, with approximately 1,200 pupils participating in the roadshows to actively engage with policy developments in relation to young carers.



*Dundee City Council Outstanding Service and Commitment Awards, May 2018*

In May this year, members of the Carers Partnership were invited to attend the OSCAS (Dundee City Council Outstanding Service and Commitment Awards) held at the Invercarse Hotel. The Partnership were delighted to be awarded an OSCA under the Chief Executives category presented by David Martin (Dundee City Council). We are proud to have received this award and are delighted that the work of our dedicated members and involvement of

carers have helped us to achieve this positive recognition.

To mark National Carers Week 2018, the Carers Partnership officially launched the Carers of Dundee website on 14<sup>th</sup> June. The website provides a central source of support and information for carers and professionals in the city to access. It will continue to be developed through engagement with the people who are using it, to ensure it creates a true online community for carers in Dundee. You can view the website at <http://carersofdundee.org/>

## What's happening now?

Dundee Carers Partnership are leading on work to co-design a Short Breaks Services Statement for Carers and supported people. The Carers (Scotland) Act regulations place a new duty on local authorities to publish a Short Breaks Services Statement by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. This is a statement which sets out information on the short break services that are available for carers and supported people.

Dundee Carers Partnership want your help to further develop the local Short Breaks Services Statement and are organising a period of involvement work to ensure the Short Break Statement is published and available locally by the set statutory date.

The Short Breaks Service Statement events will be held on **Friday 21st September 2018** at **Central Baptist Church**. There will be a choice of 2 sessions (lasting about 2 hours). Event Registration will either be at 9.15 am or 12.45 pm.

Everyone with an interest in shaping the Statement is welcome - we would like the sessions to include professionals, carers and people with care and support needs.

Please book a session on **Friday 21st September at Central Baptist Church** by email to [centre@dundecarerscentre.org.uk](mailto:centre@dundecarerscentre.org.uk) or phone 01382 200422.