

REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting: Date:	Trust Board 12 th June 2019
Title:	Carers Action Plan 18-20 End of 2019 Year Report
Lead Director:	Melanie McClements, Director of Older Peoples Services
Corporate Objective:	• Supporting people to live long, healthy and active lives • Promoting safe high quality care • Improving our services • Working in Partnership
Purpose:	For Information
Summary of Key Issues for Trust Board	
<u>High level context:</u> • This document provides an overview and update on key action areas set out within the 2018-2020 Trust Carers Action Plan. • The action plan was developed and agreed by the Southern Trust Carers Reference Group, with active Carer participation, as a response to the proposed areas of need for improvement by the Regional Carers Strategy implementation group HSCB, and the Caring for Carers Strategy (DHSSPSNI 2006).	
<u>Key issues/risks for discussion:</u> The report is structured along the following themes: • Theme 1: Identification of and Interface with Carers • Theme 2: Information for Carers • Theme 3: Support Services for Carers • Theme 4: Young Carers • Theme 5: Training • Theme 6: Employment • Theme 7: Involvement	

Summary of SMT challenge/discussion:

- Identifying carers and offering Carers' Assessments to achieve compliance with the regional target has been an ongoing challenge for some Programmes of Care. This is being progressed and monitored within Directorates.
- Technological advances have enabled an electronic solution for the Carer Assessment of Need which has enabled more accurate recording, monitoring and accountability.
- Ongoing engagement and involvement of carers has enabled the co-production of the Carers Action Plan.

Internal/External engagement:

The Trust works across a range of fora to raise awareness of carers' issues and support appropriately. This is mirrored at regional level, interfacing with DOH and HSCB/ PHA.

Governance Committee approval given to report to Patient/Client Experience Committee 6 monthly as opposed to Governance Committee as the Carer's experience aligns well with that agenda.

Human Rights/Equality:

Attention is given to:

Identification and supporting carers in their own right;
Maintaining confidentiality across service users and their carers.