



Report of the Chief Social Services Officer

External Funding Panel – 4 October 2017

Carers Respite Care Grant

Summary

Purpose:	To advise Panel of the award of the Carer's Respite Care Grant 2017 - 18
Policy Framework:	Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 Government of Wales Act 2006 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2015
Consultation:	Legal, Finance, Adult Social Services
Recommendation(s):	That the Panel notes the implications contained in this report and approves the acceptance of the Grant.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the Carer's Respite Care Grant.
- 1.2 This grant has been awarded direct by Welsh Government and did not require an application from the Council.
- 1.3 The Cabinet Member was fully informed and consulted before the Council accepted the grant offer. Due to the short timescales for acceptance imposed by Welsh Government, this report is provided to Members for their information.

- 1.4 The purpose of the funding is to enable Local Authorities to deliver additional respite care for Carers (including Young Carers) in their Local Authority including:
- Day Care – a service provided outside the home without any elements of overnight stay for the Carer or the recipient of care
 - In home respite – a (paid) care worker coming into the family home to ‘sit’ with the care recipient
 - Host family respite – the Carer and the care recipient take a break together, staying with a host family
 - Institutional / overnight respite - allows breaks away from the family home for the care recipient for one or more nights
- 1.5 The role of respite care and short breaks in maintaining the wellbeing of both the Carer and the person with care needs is well established. Supporting Carers helps prevent crisis, improves their physical and mental health and ensures the wellbeing of the Carer and those they care for.
- 1.6 Expenditure on respite services is considered a prudent investment by Local Authorities in preventing crises and the involvement of higher tier services.
- 1.7 This also supports Health Boards, who report increasing examples of carer breakdown. This can lead to the Carer and their cared for family member being admitted to hospital at the same time.

2. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 2.1 An EIA Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full EIA report was not required.
- 2.2 An implementation group will be established across Adult Social Services and Child and Family Social Services considering the needs of Carers and Young Carers of people with a wide range of needs including mental health, learning disability, older people and people with physical disabilities. It is anticipated that any impact of funding will improve the health and wellbeing of Carers (including Young Carers) and help to prevent the breakdown of the caring role.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The total value of the grant is £236,893.00. The grant period is for the 1st April 2017 to the 31st March 2018 and must be claimed in full by 30th April 2018 otherwise any unclaimed part of the Funding will cease to be available.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Generally the terms attached to Grant Funding are legally binding and should be formally recorded in an appropriate document/contract with external delivery partners as required.
- 4.2 Procurement rules (both EU and the Council's) will have to be fully complied with in all respects in relation to services or the procurement of services from external delivery agents.

Background Papers:

- Letter - Award of Funding in relation to Carer's Respite Care Grant
- Grant Conditions
- Schedule 1 – The Purposes
- The Notification Events (referred to in Condition 9 of the Grant Conditions)
- Screening Form – Equality Impact Assessment

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – EFP1