The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016





The Carers (Scotland) Act-The key message

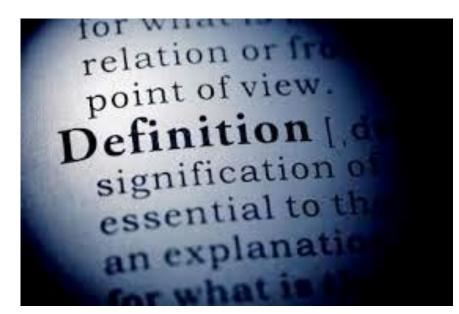
Why supporting carers matters

- To protect carers' health and wellbeing
- To enable carers to care if they are willing and able
- So that more people can be cared for at home
- Carers are essential to the health and social care sector, and
- Supporting carers supports human rights & the economy

https://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Carers-Act-Implementation_engagement-event.pdf



Main provisions in the Carers Act Definition of a carer



A broader definition of a carer: removal of 'regular and substantial'

Main provisions in the Carers Act Adult Carer Support Plan/Young Carer Statement



Similar to Carers Assessment

Anyone can request a Plan/Statement

Must include information on Emergency and Future Planning

Outcomes-based

Main provisions in the Carers Act Information and advice





Duty to 'establish & maintain' an information and advice service

Duty to provide information on:

- Carers Rights Charter
- Support services
- Emergency and future planning

Service to include carers who have been bereaved

Main provisions in the Carers Act Breaks from caring



Must consider whether the support should take the form of or include a short break

Must prepare and publish a short breaks services statement

Local authorities must promote a wide range of breaks

Short breaks need to be provided on a 'planned basis'

Main provisions in the Carers Act Duty to support carers



Duty to support carers who meet eligibility criteria

Power to support carers in a preventative manner who do not meet eligibility criteria

Main provisions in the Carers Act Involving carers in care planning for the person they care for



Local authorities have a duty to take account of the views of carers when assessing the needs and planning the care of the person they care for

Main provisions in the Carers Act Involving carers



Local authorities must involve carers in the development, planning and evaluation of services that support carers

Main provisions in the Carers Act Hospital discharge



Carers must be informed and involved on the process of hospital discharge

