

# HEALTH & COMMUNITY CARE STRATEGY 2009-2014

## CHAPTER 9 VERSION V 1

### STRATEGIC GROUP: CARERS

THEME: Health and Well-Being

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SUB THEME: Carers

#### VISION for Carers

- To stay as healthy as they can
- To be recognised for their vital role
- To be supported in their caring role
- To have choice and control over how they live their life

The Carers Strategic Outcomes group is currently revising the Aberdeenshire Carers Charter to be more specific as to what carers have a right to expect from the Council

The National Carers Strategy will be published in 2010 and this will highlight what the vision will be for all carers in Scotland

#### STRATEGIC OUTCOMES:

In helping carers to achieve this vision, the role of the Carers Strategic Outcomes group is to

- Identify the priorities for carers to enable them to continue in their caring role
- Enable them to sustain and improve their health
- Ensure that there is recognition of carers and that they are supported by a wide range of services
- Encourage participation of carers in strategic planning and development of services

#### HOW WE WANT TO ACHIEVE THIS:

- Carers are enabled to identify themselves as carers and are recognised by the appropriate organisations and services
- Carers are aware of their rights including that of assessment
- Carers are supported in their caring role
- Carers have knowledge and practical skills to continue in their caring role
- Carers are involved as key partners in the planning and provision of care services
- Carers feel they are well supported by available resources

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