

DECISION RECORDING FORM

DECISION: Unpaid Carers Access to Leisure Pilot

To run a pilot project (trial) allowing free access to leisure services for unpaid carers in Mid Devon. The pilot will run for 6 months from 1st July 2022 until 31st December 2022 and will use the existing 'Carers Passport' as proof of eligibility.

REASON FOR DECISION:

This project was considered as a result of requests originating from the Carers Partnership Steering Group. Mid Devon has worked closely with social care colleagues from Devon County and the NHS to formulate this proposition.

The economic value of carers' unpaid work to the health and social care economy is now estimated at £2.9 billion per annum in Devon. On balance, carers are poorer and less healthy than the non-caring population, and typically put caring for their own wellbeing behind that of the person(s) for whom they care. Encouraging healthy exercise is particularly important in maintaining Carers' own health and wellbeing and, by extension, the wellbeing of those for whom they care, by maintain the caring role.

After the end of the trial, the results will be analysed and evaluated to determine whether any substantive policy change should occur.

DECISION BY:

Stephen Walford - Chief Executive

CONSULTEES

WARD(S)	ALL
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HAS/HAVE WARD MEMBER(S) BEEN CONSULTED	NO
COMMENTS OF WARD MEMBER(S) N/A	

COMMENTS OF OTHER CONSULTEES

Cabinet briefed on the pilot project prior to decision.

DATE OF DECISION	23 May 2022
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EXEMPT INFORMATION	NO

FINANCIAL, LEGAL & EQUALITY ISSUES, IF ANY:
<p>The financial impacts (costs) of the trial are estimated to be minimal but will depend on how many visits occur. Post-trial evaluation will assess the service impact in terms of both the finances and any other impact on service delivery.</p> <p>There are no legal issues identified; authentication and verification is through an existing identification scheme - no additional verification will be required.</p> <p>Equalities – it is considered that this project could have a positive impact on equalities and the options for user feedback will be explored with colleagues in the care sector to contribute to the qualitative assessment of the trial.</p>

RISK ASSESSMENT
<p>The leisure centres are a highly risk-aware environment in terms of risk identification and management, and it is considered that this trial does not raise any new risks for the service.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / DOCUMENTS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:*

SIGNED Stephen Walford – Chief Executive

DATE 23 May 2022