



Appendix A

Key Needs Analysis findings – Adult Carers services

The following is a summary of findings of an extensive, and ongoing needs analysis which will be published as part of a revised Carers Strategy.

1. We know there at least 42,300 carers in Bristol (all ages), which is just under 1 in 10 of the population (9.4%), which is growing as the population rises.
2. 15% of all people over 65 in Bristol are carers. The older population is growing and this is likely to create more demand for carer support services.
3. Nationally Young carers are a largely hidden group and people from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic Communities have a lower uptake of carer assessments and a lower incidence of accessing services. This needs to be taken account of in developing needs analyses, strategy and recommissioning of services,
4. There is a higher concentration of carers in the areas of the city with higher levels of deprivation, such as Avonmouth, Lockleaze, Frome Vale, Hillfields, Hartcliffe & Withywood, and Hengrove. These are also the areas of the city with higher levels of people living with a long term health problem or disability.
5. The needs of carers are becoming more complex and more people are living with long term conditions. There a significant number of carers supporting people with dementia and a growing demand for support for people with Learning Disabilities.
6. Of those carers who received a direct payment, the majority of people they are supporting needed help with physical support, either with Personal Care or Access and Mobility as their primary need.
7. There is a growing demand for services which will support access to;
 - 7.1 financial support and advice services
 - 7.2 community based services
 - 7.3 transport
 - 7.4 assessment services
 - 7.5 respite services, and hospital discharge support
 - 7.6 services that improve emotional wellbeing and isolation.