

CARERS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON PARTS

Part 5 – Local Carer Strategies

Section 33 - Publication and review of local carer strategy

102. Subsection (1) requires each local authority and relevant health board to jointly publish the local carer strategy.
103. Subsection (2) sets the date by which the first local carer strategy must be published. This is the date by which the integration authority relevant to the local authority in question must publish its next strategic plan under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The timing for the publication of the strategic plans under that Act is determined by reference to the date (the “integration start day”) on which the health and social care integration arrangements take effect: this date has been prescribed by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Days) (Scotland) Regulations 2014¹.
104. Subsection (3) requires the local authority and relevant health board jointly to review their local carer strategy at least every three years. By virtue of subsection (5), the same obligations to consult and involve carers set out in section 31(4) also apply when the local authority and relevant health board reviews their strategy. Following a review, subsection (6) provides that the local authority and relevant health board may decide to prepare a revised strategy or to publish a statement to the effect that they are not revising the strategy. Where the local authority and relevant health board prepare a revised strategy, subsection (7) requires them to take into account the factors specified in section 32 and to publish the revised strategy.

¹ (SSI 2014/284).