



**Scotland's  
health**

# Carers Act Evaluability Assessment

- Definition of Evaluability Assessments
- Process undertaken for the Carers Act EA
- EA outputs
- Next steps



# Evaluability Assessments?!





- Systematic approach to planning evaluation
- Structured engagement with stakeholders to clarify goals and how they will be achieved
- Development of a theory of change
- Provision of advice on whether, and how, an evaluation can be carried out.



# Carers Act EA process

- Initial discussions held with SG Carers Policy Branch (early 2017)
- Draft ToC developed
- Formation of the Monitoring and Evaluation Group (June 17)
- 3 EA workshops undertaken



# Output 1: Theory of Change

- Utilised the 6 parts of the Carers Act
- Focus is on the carer (although impact on the cared for person is implicit)
- Outcomes relate to both adult and young carers; however, specific outcomes for young carers have been added where appropriate
- Assumptions, unintended consequences and external factors identified



## Output 2: Data sources

- Identification of the current data sources available
- Rapid review of respective strengths and limitations
- Alignment to the ToC outcomes
- Identification of where any gaps in evidence would need to be considered



# Output 3: Evaluation Questions

- How, and to what extent, has implementing the components of the Carers Act contributed to improved individual and carer population outcomes?
- Do some groups of carers benefit more than others? If so which groups, in what ways and why?
- What have we learned about implementation that can improve on-going implementation?





## Evaluation should also seek to understand the following...

- Have the key components of the Carers Act been implemented as intended?
- What effect, if any, has the implementation of the Carers Act had on carer involvement and empowerment at all levels of decision making?
- What changes, if any, has the Carers Act implementation had on 1) individual carer, 2) carer population and 3) young carer outcomes?
- What are the key components and learning for ongoing implementation and review of the Carers Act?



# Next Steps

- Proposal of potential evaluation studies
- Final Carers Act EA report produced
- Decision made by the MEG as to how to progress