Recommendations

- On the student home page under the section for Support, Wellbeing and Health, FAQ, there is an entry – “how do I find out about support for disabled students?” Could we extend this to – “how do I find out about support for student carers?”

- The Students Union do not currently offer an Information Section for student carers, even though they promote the equality of opportunity in all aspects of student life. We could make the suggestion to the Students Union that this is something worthwhile doing. Or at least if they can redirect student carers to those departments that offer them support.

- A student carers’ webpage would be beneficial, these are offered in other universities.

- Re-evaluate how we can assist with student carers who require extensions to deadlines and are late/absent due to caring commitments.

- Hold drop-in sessions periodically to encourage carers to come forward and as a way of communicating advice and information.

- A list of helpful contact details for carers. These lists could be held in various departments around the campus, e.g. library, counselling service, study skills, widening access, etc. They needn’t be exhaustive and it might be good if funding was available to put them on a bookmark which would be handy for students to keep and use.

- Staff training/awareness about the latest help solutions that Strathclyde University offers student carers.

- A page/advert placed within the Student Advertiser newspaper highlighting the support that Strathclyde offer to student carers, with contact details.

- During Fresher’s Week leaflets/goodie bags for new students would be a good way to market the help that is available to carers. Funding may be required.
• Have a dedicated section on Myplace for student carers. This can offer a discussion forum to share ideas, support and information between students and staff or an information blog.

• Upon receiving your password and sign-in credentials it would be beneficial if a strap-line could be added to the email to advertise that help for carers is available at Strathclyde University. This would have the potential of reaching all new students each year.