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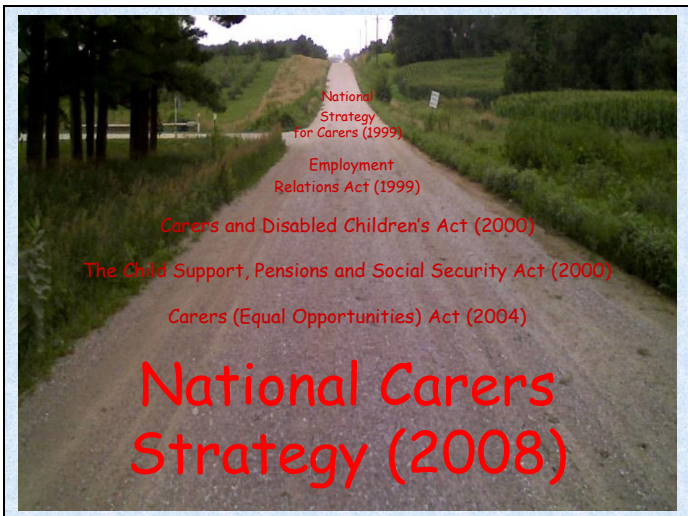
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Legislation and government initiatives


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THE NATIONAL CARERS STRATEGY 2008 - "Carers at the heart of 21st century families and communities: a caring system on your side, a life of your own"

- strong prime ministerial and cross-departmental support
- "by 2018, carers will be universally recognised and valued as being fundamental to strong families and stable communities. Support will be tailored to meet individual needs, enabling carers to maintain a balance between their caring responsibilities and a life outside caring, while enabling the person they support to be a full and equal citizen"
- carers' role, value and importance is now widely recognised

Priority areas until 2014

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- support carers to remain mentally and physically well
 - personalised support for carers and those they support
 - fulfil their educational and employment potential
 - involve them in designing care
 - recognise their contributions
 - identify carers at an early stage

THE FUTURE?

- there is evidence that efforts to support carers will continue and up until now the government has been willing to commit resources to support to carers
- BUT..... there is an economic recession

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