

County Carers Steering Group

Friday 27th March 2007

Minutes

Present: Geoff King
Sonia Barton
Joan Edgecumbe
Debbie Avery
Doreen Devlin
Wendy Protheroe
Mary Nisbett
Anne Brand
Lynsey Self
Audrey McInerney

Apologies:

		ACTION
1.	<u>Minutes of Meeting – 28th September 2007</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letterhead etc. to be forward• Carer leads for PCT/Social Care to be re-affirmed• Carers training to be pursued with PCT	Geoff Geoff Geoff
2.	<u>Correspondence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonia referred to letter received from Anne and Doreen re: feedback from actions.• Discussion re relative benefits of voluntary sector supporting carer involvement.• Carer chairs to meet with Matthew Byrne as soon as possible.	Mary
3.	<u>Feedback from Localities (attached)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Hams / West Devon<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Concern re impact of rurality on Take-a-Break e.g. travelling time○ Concern re respite beds availability.○ NB: General issue being picked up with work on emergency respite.• Teignbridge<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Angela Sampson coming to end of her time as Chair.○ Launch of Pathways - Care Pathways for people with physical disabilities and long term conditions.• North Devon<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Concern re changes to Carers Link in the localities, including reliance on Exeter phone number.○ Other options to be identified	Mary

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Devon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Take-a-Break scheme welcomed. ○ Concern re flu jabs not always available. ○ Details of criteria for GP practices to be circulated and new Director of Public Health consulted. ○ Carers UK to be contacted expressing concerns. • Exeter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good opportunity presented by asking different carer groups to raise issues at local forum. ○ Flexible Breaks grant being well received. ○ Concern re assessments in relation to the in-Control method. Need to have opportunity to consider Self Directed Support developments with all service users and carers. Sam Newman attending Exeter forum, notes of meeting to be circulated for information. Non-Exeter attendees welcome to attend if booked in. • Mid Devon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Locality meeting has good attendance. ○ Concern re transition minutes and lack of focused planning. ○ Learning and development needs of care staff and poor English. ○ Services for people with early on-set dementia generally not appropriate. ○ Above issues to be revised at May 14th meeting for response to future Carer's Forum. 	<p>Wendy</p> <p>Sonia</p>
4.	<p><u>Feedback from Forum for Independent Care Workers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern re change of date for steering group and forums. Need to set dates for future time scales. • Countywide meetings for Friday's appear to be problematic, to be avoided if possible. • Concern re transparency of outcomes resultng from carer structures. • Questions from Mid Devon for County Carers Forum need to go to next Forum. 	

<p>5.</p>	<p><u>County Carer's Forum 27th April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) PCT to be invited to do presentation – restructure, where is the focus on carers etc. (ii) Mental Health carers review (iii) Presentation re Carers Link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshops: ○ Newsletter ○ Database ○ Emergency Cards ○ Governance (iv) Review of Involvement Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jo Pickering presented initial outcomes of review of the Carers Involvement Framework. ○ Meeting endorsed the report and agreed to initiate working group to take forward. Mary/Matthew to lead. (v) Peter Walker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partnership for Older People Projects (POPSS) ○ Clusters of GP practices to be established with rollout programme to be agreed mid April 07. ○ Foot care services being developed, to be delivered by voluntary agencies. ○ Mentoring service being developed, based on both existing and newly developed voluntary groups. ○ Carers funding stream within POPSS - £200,000 over two years. ○ To go back to locality forums to consult on use of money viz. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication/Information - Emergency/Alert Card and Telecare - Carers Health Care in GP practices - Young Carers - Trips and Falls ○ To be sent out to Carer Chairs and Carers link workers for views with ranking. To be received by end of June. To be confirmed at one-off meeting on Thursday 5th July, 11.00am. 	<p>Sonia</p> <p>Mary / Matthew</p> <p>Geoff Carers Link Workers</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Carers Link</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take-a-Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East and Mid pilots successful - Exeter, Teignbridge and SH/WD – early April - North – being confirmed April - LD services considering scheme - Carers of adult age MH not currently included 	

7.	<p><u>Feedback from County Carers Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some questions not still answered – to be listed. • ‘Café style’ seating much liked • Carers Transport Workshop proceeding. 	
8.	<p><u>Feedback from Chief Officer Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-imburement/payment still to be resolved. • Can be taken forward within work related to review of Carers Involvement Framework. 	
9.	<p><u>Carer’s Grant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern re scale of reduction in £10k allocation to Carers Management Groups. • Concern re continuation of CSDO posts. • Need to confirm value of continuity. • CSDO posts could be seconded to Carers Link. • Income Generation Post – supported. • Concern from Mid Devon re allocation of Carers Grant based on population rather than numbers of carers on Carers Link. • Concern that Young Carers is not adequately represented re carers grant allocation. • Feedback to go to Adult Services SMG 	Geoff
10.	<p><u>Briefing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Carers TV programme – much mis-representation. 	
11.	<p><u>Future Meetings</u></p> <p>County Carers Forum – April 27th Meeting with Carer Chairs – Sonia’s office May 11th County Carer Steering Group – June 5th</p>	