

Carers in Devon Development Group 22 May 2006

Present: Geoff King, Linda Stapleton, June Wilkins, Phil Dyson, Denise McDonald, Rowena Lane, Carol Stoye, Sue Hurley, Lynsey Self, Rosemary Whitehurst, Trish Whitfield, Nicky Ruane, Lesley Willmott (minutes)

Apologies:, Sonia Barton, Debbie Schamroth Jennie Store Catherine Langford

GK thanked everyone for carrying on the meeting last time.

Nickie Ruane will represent the Parent Carer Voice Workers at future meetings. Her email address is nickie.ruane@exetercvs.org.uk not the address in the previous minutes.

Emergency Response

Linda has had a response from emergency services who will make every effort to find out someone's identity in the event of an accident and will routinely check people's bags, pockets etc with their permission if they are able to give it and without it if they are unconscious.

Links with CAB

GK has met with the SW regional manager to discuss carer issues and feels it is helpful to have a link at this level.

Flu vaccinations for carers

Wendy Protheroe is keen to push carer's entitlement to flu jabs and asks Carers Links to publicise if they don't already do so. WP is to raise awareness through the health authority and Directors of Public Health etc.

GP Protocol/guidelines

Work on this will be picked up again later in the year.

RW reported on an initiative she and LyS are doing with Exeter Patients Forum around GP protocol which they will share with us if positive.

BME & Hard to reach groups

Training and awareness day on 5 June should help us in working out the way forward.

Rural Carers Project

Interviews – Thurs 25th May

Take a Break

Now have a formally agreed scheme. Implementation will take place between September and April 2007. TaB will be part of central Link role but will be up and running before the central link. This will all be clearer within the next few weeks. It is likely that the scheme will include Learning Disabilities but not mental Health.

Childrens services

Action – NR to find out further information about transition protocols and report back.

Action from previous meeting The County Parent Carer Forum sends 2 reps to the Children's Trust Board. DS to check whether Young Carers issues are represented at this level. **DS**

'You are a Carer' leaflets

There will be another print run with a few amendments.

At previous meeting DS said that young carers had made amendments to the draft leaflet circulated but these are not reflected in the final version. DS was to write to GK about this.

Action: Geoff to talk to Debbie

PD reported that leaflets will go from the FAB team and DWRU. The giving out of leaflets will also be included in the revision of the care management guidelines.

Carers Link contract specification

Another meeting will take place on 24th May. It needs to be sorted out very soon so as not to have to tender for contract.

Looking After Me

Jenny Bowers gave a presentation on the Looking After Me course which has come about after positive response to the Expert patient programme. The target is 100,000 course places nationally by 2012. Jenny is working with colleagues to roll out the programme across Devon. For more information contact Jenny Bowers at Exeter PCT.

District Councils

GK attended a recent District Council meeting of Chief Executives and council leaders to talk about carers. There was a very positive response. In principle there was support for concessionary rates to leisure facilities and emergency response cards. District Councils will each identify a carers lead.

Action GK to arrange meeting with carers leads and draw up some proposals for discussion.
SH, NR, GK to meet to look at carers cards

Flexible Breaks Grant

This was discussed at the Steering Group. Unite will act as broker.

Action GK to assimilate comments and reissue.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Mon 17 July 1.30pm-4pm** at **Westbank**