

TEIGNBRIDGE LOCALITY CARERS FORUM 27th April 2006 – Dartmoor Lodge, Ashburton DEVON.

Present:

AS (Chair) RC, (Vice Chair),
Sonia Barton,(Carers UK) Pam Tuckett - Patient & Public Involvement
(PPI) , Jo Curtis ,-Patient Advocacy and Liason Service (PALS)
Julia Blood (Carers Break) Jackie Milan (Learning Disabilities Carers
Support Worker) Tom Grady -Teignbridge Primary Care Trust (PCT),
Colin Crowther (Stroke Association), Claire Cotter - Teignbridge
Primary Care Trust (PCT) , Mike Eckesley- Social Services Devon
County Council (DCC) , J C-J (Patient & Public Involvement) , Maggie
Bonnell (Kingscare)
Rosemary Whitehurst - Carers Link
13 Carers

1. Apologies:

3 Carers ,
Jenny Store (Parent Carer Forum for Children with Special Needs)
Liz Wood Teignbridge Learning Disability Team (LDT)

Ground rules of the group were reiterated. Individual issues can be dealt with separately. Attendees informed that expenses can be claimed for and forms are available

Minutes of the last meeting; - approved. Nothing raised

2. News Updates AOB:

County Carers Forum- Sonia Barton gave an overview of the meeting held at Barnstaple which was well attended. DCC have funding available for rural areas to be supported by carers – a worker will be appointed in the near future. David Johnstone spoke and answered previously submitted questions from Carers locally. Written responses had not been dealt with. Next County Carers Forum Meeting will be held at a different town to enable different Carers to attend.

Carers Week 12/6.

Mayoral Reception Guildhall is in Exeter @ 2.00pm.

Questions for all officers attending this meeting from Carers please.

Forms available so they may be pre-submitted. Please also nominate a surgery/pharmacy if you feel they are extremely Carers aware.

Exeter Cathedral Service will be at 12 noon. Sonia Barton requested stories and poems to be read at the Cathedral Service on the experience of Carers.

14th June at The Passage House Hotel , Kingsteignton, there will be a drop in and benefits information afternoon. 1.30 – 5 pm.

Displays will be erected in all hospitals by the PCT raising awareness for Carers. There will be the promotion of Carers Link and Mental Health Issues and Sitting Service information.

The launch of the support line for Carers in Teignbridge

Equal Opportunities document is now in draft form for discussion.

Tuesday August 22nd is the next meeting at Westbank League of Friends Exminster for all Carers 10.30 – 3.00p.m.

Commission for Social Care Inspection issues were raised. A reply has just been received after writing in January. The letter is available for the group to read and comment. AS will respond when she has looked at the letter in depth.

Presentation by Marcia and Kerry – Case Managers employed by the P.C.T.. Their remit is to prevent unplanned admissions to hospital by keeping patients at home for people with chronic illness.

Issues Raised:

Equal Opportunities Document Speaker requested for the next meeting.

The Selfish Pigs Guide for Carers was recommended to read.

There is also a new Carers Pack available via Rosemary Whitehurst

Kingstiegnon Surgery Carers Support Group starting 2nd Thursday of every month.

Mike Eckersley will inform members of dates of open meetings at Teignbridge Social Services for Carers to have input.

Points were raised on residential and domiciliary care – standards. Claire will take these comments to the Management Group to seek action. The meeting closed.

Dates of next Forum Meeting:

**Thursday 22nd June, The Ten Tors Inn, Kingsteignton 10.30.-12.30
Speakers and Topic Equal Opportunities**

Future Meeting Dates are:-

**Thursday 5th October Dartmoor Lodge Pear Tree Cross Ashburton
Thursday January 18th The Ten Tors Inn Kingsteignton**