



Leicestershire Learning Disabilities
Partnership Board

Family Carers
Monday 5th February 2018
Gartree Committee Suite
10:00 to 12:30

Present

Phil Linggood
Clive Hadfield
Linda Wright
Jane Hall
Margaret & Grenville Taylor
Sheila & Roger Smith
Jo Aston – Minute Taker
Chetna Keshav
Ros Jarvis Via web link

Apologies

Gill Huddleston
Charles Huddleston
Lyn Spence
Jenny Lacey (JC)

Introductions were made

Previous Minutes

Granville spoke about question one

Can the local authority be legally challenged if they don't give a good reason for their decision?

There was a discussion around the legality of PIP and Carers Allowance.

Granville said there needs to be some guidance to do with PIP and the night time care.

Some people are getting the allowance for night care but when they go onto PIP they are losing it. Granville went on to say, if you cannot appeal to Leicestershire County Council regarding their decision then to take it to your MP.

Clive suggested the group write a definition of the problem on a list and then send them onto Charles Huddleston at the Carers Centre for an answer.

Jane said that everyone should follow some notes on how it is going to work for them and how much they will keep before they go onto PIP.

Grenville passed a letter he had received to group members to read through about how the government are taking his night time allowance off. This was discussed amongst the

meeting members. Linda Wright suggested a contact person for Grenville to contact. Linda is to email Grenville the contact details.

It was a joint decision that the letter does not make sense it contradicts its self

Jane said that a personal budget should not have anything to do with the LCC on how you spend the money

Chetna gave Grenville her email address so she can forward this to the relevant team.

Linda said the new minister for DWP ordered a review because of the number of challenges at tribunal. There is 1.6 million cases to be reviewed, if they have a back log of that many; this will take some time to go through.

Jane said before they do the assessment, when answering the questions if you get 12 points you would not need the assessment

When applying for a blue badge if you get 12 points for mobility then you would get a blue badge. If you get 12 points L Dis/MH you would get an assessment not automatically a blue badge.

Clive said we could use these meetings to inform people if they would need to have the assessment or not depending on how many points they get. Would there be a system other than at the meetings to take the presentations to a wider audience.

Clive asked if there is a LCC lap top which could be made available to the Family Carers Meeting for each meeting.

Jo Aston is to look into this.

Clive wrote a thank you letter to Waitrose, he also sent a copy of the letter to Gill, at the Carers Centre, to go into the next publication of the magazine. Clive is to send a copy of the letter to the group members to read.

Financial matters

It was agreed that the travel expenses will have to be dealt with at the next meeting as Gill, who holds the cheque book, has sent her apologies for this meeting.

Clive spoke about the finances. Clive was asked by Maxime how much money he needed for the Family Carers group. With there being money in the account didn't feel it was justified asking for more at the moment, but will need some more later in the year. Maxime agreed £1200

Currently		£2553	in the bank
	-	<u>£ 190</u>	expense claims
		£2363	
	+	<u>£ 730</u>	from Waitrose
		£3093	
	-	<u>£ 390</u>	Spent on software
		£2703	
	-	<u>£ 340</u>	ring fenced for December
		£2363	

Presentations

Clive asked the group about the presentations planned for future meetings, if they wanted to set up separate meetings to discuss any of these topics, agreeing a time and date.

Sheila said she would prefer them to be discussed at the Monday meetings

Grenville said there could be another meeting where subjects are discussed and recorded to feed back to these Monday meeting to be discussed further.

Clive asked Steve if we can use the software to just record the presentation

Steve said to record the whole meeting then separate the presentation

Clive commented that if there is a presentation at all meetings this will eat into the time available

Linda asked if people would be happy for the presentations to be on another day

Ros said that she would prefer them to be done in these meetings

Grenville suggested we do the presentation at the beginning of the meetings then leave it open for discussion after.

Steve said if you did the presentation first you could then just record the beginning of the meeting, the presentation.

Jane said she would struggle if it is first thing because if she is running late will disrupt the presentation.

Linda asked if it is possible for a backup from the carers centre when Gill or Charles is not available.

Clive said Charles could do the presentation from the Carers Centre without attending through the skype service we have set up.

Linda said that it really needs to be done from here

Clive said the information is on the LCC website

Ros said we are open to ideas from other family carers, all agreed – Clive to take this back to Maxime.

Clive said that the agenda needs to have a desirable actions list

Now – Soon – Later

Other meetings

- Client survey form – identify code; Clive said not everyone got one. Jane said it is not a good form; there is nowhere to make comments or justify what you have written. Ros said she did not recognise the name on it. If unsure ring the number on the form and ask for help. Ros is going to show Kylie, her daughter, and ask her opinion. – Ros to in feed back to the group how she got on. Every one should fill one in – Jane/Ros to advice the group members at a future meeting what should be done.
- Hospital Carers Charter – Jane said this can be filled in on line but there are certain things missed off, doesn't say LD, it does have dementia, but doesn't have facilities to look after them. Linda said you can only give a general response LD is not mentioned. Phil to take feedback to meeting, on behalf of the group, asks questions and feed back to the group.
- Finance letters consultation
Clive said the consultation on Tuesday 20th should be composed – Narrate, Truthful and Attendance.

Linda asked what the letters states when you get them. If changes are made to the amounts paid into the account we are not being informed about these changes. I spoke to Social Care finance, asking if the client can be emailed to be informed of any changes, they say it is not possible because payments are calculated and paid for the year. They should be emailing us if any changes are made to the payments. Chetna is to follow this up.

Jane said you don't have to have the payment card, it says in the Care Act that you do not have to have a payment card. Chetna confirmed you don't have to have one if you would rather not.

- Staff training video – collating carers views to be used in training. Chetna said that the staff training video is Wednesday 7th March. Five people are to do videos, giving accounts of their life as a carer and how it affects their lives. This is to be mandatory training for all staff. Phil asked if the group members will be given feedback, Chetna said yes Ali Morley will bring feedback to a future meeting.

There was a discussion on future chairs for the meeting, Phill agreed to Chair the next meeting on 5th March 2018. Jane said she wouldn't mind being a reserve but can't commit.

Actions Points

- Jo – See if there is a lap top designated for Family Carers Meeting
- Clive – to send a copy of the thank you letter sent to Waitrose
- Chetna – to follow up receiving emails when changes are made to finances
- Alison Morley - to feed back to future group regarding the Staff training video

Future Dates for the Family Careers meetings

Monday 05th March
09th April
14th May
04th June
02nd July
03rd September
01st October
05th November
03rd December

Next meeting Monday 5^h March 2018
Goscote Committee Room
10.00 – 12.30

Phil Linggood to Chair

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