

Carers in Hertfordshire

LD Carers Forum

Notes of meeting held Tuesday 3rd December 2019

1	Carers Present:
2	Others Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair - Marie Scales • Carers in Hertfordshire - Karen Malone (Involvement and Development Worker,) Sally Stafford (Involvement and Development Worker,) Sue Felgate (Carers Support Advisor) • The Purple All Stars • Other Professionals Chloe Carson- Health Watch Hertfordshire
3	Welcome by Chair and Introductions
4	<p>Updates on meetings of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Star Strategy https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/purple-star/the-purple-star-strategy-initial-info.docx More carers and individuals are needed to join the steering group. The aim is to get all G. P's signed up and trained. Carers requested for the list of health care provided awarded the strategy to be provided. Karen Malone to look at listing information on the next newsletter. • The LeDer Review https://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/sps/leder/LeDeR_Annual_Report_2018%20published%20May%202019.pdf Steering group meetings continue, and further funding has been identified to clear the backlog of cases to be reviewed • Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDCB) • Healthwatch <p>(click link for more back ground information on these meetings, for anyone who has no internet we can provide paper copies)</p> <p>We heard there will be Learning Disability Improvement Standards. Mental Health Trusts will need to publish an annual report on how they are doing against these national standards. These will cover the following areas respecting and protecting, inclusion and engagement, the work force (employing experts by experience and having a designated lead for learning disability.) As well as the development of community based intensive</p>

	support.
5	<p>Lucy Rush- Head of Adult Social Care West</p> <p>Lucy introduced herself and explained that her background was working in social care in London. Part of the work she is currently undertaking overseeing in her new role includes looking at the continuing Health Care Pathways. The county council are currently working with the CCG West to pull together a standard operating policy which is looking at aligning standards across children's and adult services. In addition, Lucy has been looking overall at the offer for carers, including the numbers of carers assessments being currently being undertaken, she would like to see numbers increase especially for younger carers.</p> <p>We heard that Carers Assessments are key for identifying key stress points in carers journey's and that people should be receiving an annual review.</p>
6	<p>Health Watch Hertfordshire – Annual Health Check questionnaires</p> <p>We heard from Chloe Carson Health Watch Hertfordshire. As an organisation Health Watch represent the views of people in Hertfordshire for health and social care services. They are an independent organisation and have been given powers by the government to make sure your voice is heard and to help improve health and social care services. They work together with voluntary organisations, commissioners and health and social care providers. We heard how Health Watch is working with Hertfordshire County Council to help them understand how they can better support people with learning disabilities and improve their health outcomes. They have co-produced a questionnaire about Annual Health Checks to find out what people with learning disabilities think about Annual Health Checks, and the problems they might face in accessing an Annual Health Check. Carers loved ones can complete the questionnaire even if they have not had an Annual Health Check. You can do this by completing the questionnaire online:</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/annualhealthchecks19</p>
7	<p>Hansa Nariapara Commissioning Officer Integrated Health and Care Commissioning Team</p> <p>Working on behalf of East and North Herts CCG, Herts Valley CCG and Herts County Council.</p>

8	Hansa introduced herself and spoke briefly about how the Hertfordshire County Council work with Health Watch and that the council annual Learning Disability Survey is currently being co-produced.
9	We decided to do AOB early due to the Purple All Stars performance at the end of the meeting. We discussed whether bus passes are means tested and if you are only entitled to a bus pass if you have an enhanced rate of PIP.
10	The Purple All Stars provided a wonderful performance of song and dance which was enjoyed by all.
11	Close and date of next meeting Tuesday 11 th February 2020 at Birchwood Leisure Centre.