

Carers in Hertfordshire LD Transition Forum

Notes of meeting held Tuesday 7th February 2017

1	<p>Present: 19 Carers attended plus a number of service users in the Purple Allstars and their families.</p> <p>Carers in Hertfordshire: Marie Scales (Chair and Family Carer Representative), Susan Maskell (LD Involvement worker) Maria Kiely (Parent Carer worker) James Gamble, Santo Mann and Caroline Colleran (Family Carer Representatives)</p> <p>Others professionals present; Gavin Howcroft – Expert by Experience, Kate Harding - Creative Care Practitioner, Meg Kai Fairhead - Carer Practitioner at HCC, Adefunke Eriolu - Health Facilitation Lead & Clinical Supervisor at HCC</p>
2	<p>Welcome by Chair – Marie welcomed the carers, professionals and guests and we went round the room introducing ourselves. Marie then went through the last meeting minutes and addressed any actions and talked about meetings we had attended since December.</p> <p>East and North Herts NHS Trust Carers meeting 15th December 2016 Carers Lead update – some of the wards now have open visiting. Please inform ward if you wish to stay overnight, as portable beds are available. I raised the question regarding asking for longer appointment for people with LD (reasonable adjustment) Hopefully will have the answer by next meeting. Main focus was on Disabled Go, as Lister is going to be on this web site. Next meeting 16th March 2017</p> <p>Healthwatch Now have separate meeting for Learning Disabilities in the afternoon that follows the Mental Health meeting in the morning. Last meeting was on 27th January 2017. Main focus was to look at the work plan which covered the following, annual health checks, enter and view training for people with LD, accessible information standard GP Services, impact on pharmacy cuts, and update on Care Act Next meeting Friday 17th March@13.00 carers and service users welcome.</p> <p>Purple Star update from speakers</p> <p>PPG As the last meeting was on the same day as our December Carers Forum, I will report back at our April meeting, as the next meeting is in March 2017</p> <p>Other business James Gamble gave an overview of the main topics discussed at the Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting on 9th December 2016, including the Rumble awards and co-production. James, Marie and Sue M gave feedback from the LDPB working group meetings they had attended in January.</p>

3	<p>Presentation from Louise Jenkins - Strategic Liaison Nurse for Secondary care and Tertiary care. Louise's presentation as sent out to all attendees. Louise talked about;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Purple Strategy • The role of the GP in annual health checks • The Purple Folder • The role of the Acute Liaison Nurse and support when attending hospital
4	<p>Three brilliant performances from The Purple Allstars. (Many carers thanked us on leaving for organising the event and said that they thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt a lot as well. Many commented on how nice it was to see so much confidence, positivity and big smiles from the Purple Allstars).</p>
5	<p>Thanks extended to all speakers and performers at this Forum/meeting. Next Forum on April 4th when family carer Sue McCann will be speaking to you about Contingency planning and carers aims on how to make it better. Reminders re any suggestions from carers are welcomed for future Forums and LD Awareness Week. 18-23 June Ideas for stands at an information day event in Watford. To sue.maskell@carersinherts.org.uk</p>