

## Carers in Hertfordshire LD Carers Forum

### Notes of meeting held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017

1	<p><b>Present: 24 people attended including</b> James Gamble (family carer rep) <b>Professionals;</b> Kim Warwick LDPB manager and Kerry Faulkner from Guideposts</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Chris Cole</p>
2	<p><b>Present: Carers in Hertfordshire:</b> Marie Scales (Chair and Family Carer Representative), Susan Maskell (LD Involvement Worker) Marilyn Schofield (Carer Support Advisor – CSA)</p>
3	<p><b>Welcome by Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marie welcomed the carers and we went through the last meetings minutes and addressed any actions.</li> <li>• Updates and news form meetings attended :             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. LDPPG meeting in December</b> main points Roma gave Carers in Herts report as Sue Maskell was annual leave. She reported that there had been discussions on Personal Health Budgets as well as workshops arranged by Carers in Herts about capacity, safeguarding and DoLS (Deprivation of Liberty Standards). Tracey Brennan gave a progress report on LD health priorities.</li> <li><b>2. LDPPG March meeting</b> main points Marie Scales kindly attended for the first half as she had to go to a funeral later. This is her report back re New disability team which commenced on 01/04/17 – the physically disabled and LD have become the Adult Disability Service (ADS) for people between 25 – 65 years, at present the older people with a LD will stay with this service in the future may have to change to the elderly people service. The team has 30 WTE this will be reviewed in about 6/12 months. Within the team for the first time LD service now has an Occupational Therapist which is good news.</li> <li><b>3. Lister Focus group</b> – no report as marie Scales was unable to attend meeting in March</li> <li><b>4. LDPB March meeting</b> was a celebration of the Rumbles Awards. This was well attended as was the main event on the evening of March 30<sup>th</sup> at Robertson House.</li> <li><b>5. LDPB</b> – working group this month for Lifelong Learning – no report as meeting not until later this month</li> <li><b>6. Eastern Regional Forum.</b> Marie Scales and Sue Maskell attended the regional meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March – Planning for Adulthood, Getting it Right. Andy Lawrence agave a presentation on the new service 0-25 which commenced October 2016</li> <li><b>7. The Mortality Review</b> which Louise Jenkins mentioned in her</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>presentation at our last meeting, commenced on 01/04/2017. This means that all deaths of a person aged 4 – 75 will be reviewed. Also the rest of the public who die within any hospital trust will also be reviewed</p> <p><b>8. The Hate Crime Consultation</b> has just come out and is being circulated to organisations and individuals. Responses by June see copy on Consultation page of Carers in Herts website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced the Speaker Sue McCann</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Presentation from Sue McCann</b></p> <p>Sue, alongside three other carers of an adult with Asperger's, have been working to format a template of what they feel carers require as a sturdy contingency plan for their loved ones when they can longer care. This presentation was also given a month previously at the C4A meeting for carers of adults with Asperger's/Autism. Sue Darker, Herts County Council Assistant Director for Learning Disabilities, Mental Health &amp; Asperger's was invited to attend and decided to hold future meetings to take it up with HCC and perhaps support and roll out the ideas. This is currently progressing and a 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be held in June. The ideas talked about are available and I can email them to anyone contacts me. <a href="mailto:smaskell@carersinherts.ork.uk">smaskell@carersinherts.ork.uk</a></p>
5	<p><b>Next LD Forum: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 10 – 12.30 Birchwood centre in Hatfield.</b> Jo Hislop and Heather Belle who are Carer Practitioners with the Adult Disability Service (ADS) at HCC will be talking about the recent changes to their teams and taking questions. We also have Helen Holmes, Learning Mentor from Crossroads Care Hertfordshire North talking about their Building Better Opportunities STRIVE Project .</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 12.30 for lunch</p>

