

**Carers in Hertfordshire
LD Carers Forum
Notes of meeting held Tuesday June 5th 2018**

1	Carers Present: 24 Deputy Chair : James Gamble
2	Others Present: Carers in Hertfordshire: Sue Maskell (LD Involvement worker) and Sue Felgate (CSA) Other Professionals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hansa Nariapara, Commissioning Officer for Integrated Health and Care Commissioning Team at HCC. • Freddie Sherwood and Lyndsay Grayston from Inspires Day Services
3	Welcome by Chair, apologies and updates. Apologies from our Chair, Marie Scales, who was on holiday
	<p>Updates on meetings re:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Star Strategy; Initiative to award all Health care providers with a scoring system to ensure they give people with LD the best possible service. These include Doctors surgeries, dentists, opticians and pharmacists. They are awarded a purple star if they meet the criteria. This is reviewed annually and star will be removed if not being sustained. Learning Disability Planning and Performance Group (LDDPPG) meeting following week. We will update at next forum. • Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) a) Carers in Herts are still looking for at least 2 more carer representatives to feedback carer opinions to the LDPB and help inform carers at forums etc. what the board is doing to help them. b) We also heard about the LEDR report (Learning Disabilities Mortality Review). Following the findings of this report the 3 top causes of early death to people with LD are Aspiration, Pneumonia and late diagnosis of cancer. To help prevent this occurring everyone with a Learning Disability should be offered an annual health check by their GP. This should automatically be sent from the GP Practice but if it isn't the carer should contact the GP to initiate. HCC are currently checking the quality of these health

	<p>checks. A check list of what to expect is available for carers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herts Self- Assessment Framework (HSAF) next meeting on July 2nd so will feedback at next LD Forum. • Healthwatch are producing a questionnaire asking carers and service users about their experiences around health checks. The results will be feed back to the LDPB and hopefully any issues flagged will be looked at to be resolved.
4	<p>Presentation /Guest Speaker Ruth Harrington – presentation attached Head of Community Commissioning Adult Disabilities Adult Care Services, Hertfordshire County Council</p> <p>Ruth spoke to carers about how Learning Disabilities commissioning works and how carers views and opinions can be listen to, and taken on board, when decision making is being done regarding future commissioning.</p> <p>There are four commissioning teams :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adults with Disabilities – buys in supported living, community services, Day centres/ day services. 2. Property – responsible for residential nursing care. 3. Older People services – responsible for Home care. 4. Health Commissioning and Mental Health. <p>Ruth talked about Connected lives assessment – when a referral is made to ACS (Adult Commissioning Service) the call is triaged into three stages.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect and prevent – how can they prevent someone needing a service in the future. HCC 2. Connect and enable – put something in place short term to enable the service user to progress 3. Connect and support – long term support. <p>All followed by a review – and If all going well would change accordingly.</p> <p><u>This model sounded great in theory but carers reaction was that they felt that things were being pushed back onto them.</u></p> <p>Ruth’s team are currently working on a framework that all supported living providers will have to sign up to. They will have to meet a set of standards before HCC will work with them. They will then go on an approved providers list. All providers will then have a consistent range of models. The Framework will be based on 70% quality and 30% price. All NEW placements from April 2019 will go onto the</p>

	<p>framework. People will then have a choice of where they live, and the care can be provided by a different service, as opposed to now, where it is the same service.</p> <p>Individual Service Funds – HCC help people to spend their Direct Payments – a lot more flexibility for the service user and carer.</p> <p>Carers asked for an update on Day Centres. Ruth said that they would NOT be closing Day Centres, but are looking to moving and changing the provision towards community hubs, where local people can go and meet up and receive support.</p> <p>Carers also said there should be more employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities. This lead to a lot of discussion around education, training and work opportunities, or rather the lack of them, for people with Learning Disabilities over 25yrs.</p> <p>Carers suggested more sheltered workshops e.g. Like Mudlarks.</p> <p>Carers mentioned that they found a serious lack of communication with professionals. i.e. One gentleman said that his son’s transport changed at the last minute without any notification.</p> <p>The same man mentioned how bad it was that they were charged for Day Care when they were on holiday!</p>
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Learning Disability Awareness Week 18th -22nd June. Carers in Herts and Herts People First are running a keep healthy event together that week in Stevenage for both Carers and Service users. The Purple Allstars will be giving one of their wonderful performances at 1pm. Not to be missed.</p>
6	<p>Date of Next LD Forum</p> <p>7th August 2018 with Guest Speakers from the CAT (Crisis Assessment and Treatment) team, Kate Senior - West Herts CAT’s team leader and Maxine Elliot NE Herts CAT’s team leader.</p>