

**Carers in Hertfordshire
LD Carers Forum
Notes of meeting held Tuesday 2nd April 2019**



1	Carers Present: 22
2	Others Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair - Marie Scales • Carers in Hertfordshire - Sue Maskell, Sue Felgate and Maria Kiely
3	Welcome by Chair <p>Updates on meetings of :</p> <p>Purple Star Strategy: Last meeting was on 21st March. More GP surgeries were approved and 'Purple Starred'. The Strategy is working very well and the benefits are beginning to show. Some great feedback from carers and service users that use the Purple starred GP surgeries, outpatient facilities, specialist dentists, pharmacies etc.</p> <p>https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/adult-social-services/disability/learning-disabilities/my-health/purple-star-health-services-for-people-with-learning-disabilities.aspx</p> <p>Learning Disability Planning and Performance Group (LDDPPG): last meeting was on the 5th March. Items that we raised were;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. multiple issues over PIP and other benefits 2. ongoing worries on both short and long term contingency planning 3. Carers are often confused re speech and language services, one is for swallowing and the other is for speech and language <p>Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) Last meeting was on Friday 15th March.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hansa Nariapara talked to us about the and how it may be changing and merging. 2. Jan Gates talked about the Learning Disability strategy for 2019 – 2014 and gave us the feedback of last year's survey. 3. LDPB annual report is nearly ready for publication 4. There was a big send off for the Chair Sue Darker who is retiring as Operations Director for Adult Services at Hertford County Council. She is handing over the post to Mark Harvey <p>https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/adult-social-services/disability/learning-disabilities/learning-disability-partnership-board/notes-from-ldpb-meetings.aspx</p>

	<p>Life Long Learning Working Group: next meeting to be arranged. There may be changes in the working groups to make them SMART and perhaps limit the action plans and co-join when covering similar subjects.</p> <p>Self- Assessment Framework (SAF): Last meeting was the 25th March. Looked at how the next annual survey could best fit working alongside Jan Gates (Adult Care Services at Herts County Council) https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/adult-social-services/disability/learning-disabilities/learning-disability-partnership-board/self-assessment-framework.aspx</p> <p>Healthwatch: Still awaiting the reinstatement of the engagement meetings https://www.healthwatchhertfordshire.co.uk/</p>
4	<p>Presentation /Guest Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The speakers at this forum were James Holland, the Inclusion and Engagement Team Manager for Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust (HPFT) who gave us a presentation and talked about how they can support carers through the HPFT carer’s pathway plan 2019 - 2021. This was followed by a presentation from Bina Sharma, Clinical Psychologist and project leader on the Carer Inclusive Practice for Hertfordshire’s Specialist Learning Disability service package (see their PowerPoint Presentations) HERE They then took carer questions
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue Felgate a Carers Support Advisor for Carers in Herts is in attendance at most of the LD Forums and spoke to a number of carers with queries and enquiries she will follow up. This was Sue Maskell’s last time facilitating the LD Forum before retirement. Marie Scales (The Chair) thanked her for everything that she does to plan our meetings. Marie read out this message from Kim Honeyball who was hoping to be here (LDPB) “The LDPB would like to thank Sue for her involvement over the past few

	<p>years and wish her a happy and fun retirement”</p> <p>“Finally on behalf all the carers who attended and the many, many more that Sue has supported through Carer’s in Herts; Sue, enjoy your retirement, you deserve it”. Marie Scales. Sue was presented with bunches of flowers, cards and a retirement balloon. Chocolate cake was provided as a ‘cheerio’ treat from Sue.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;">Date of next LD Forum is Tuesday June 2019 The Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield AL10 0AN</p>