Hampshire Carers Partnership (also reporting to the Learning Disability Partnership (LDP)

Carers LD Working Group

Action Notes

Date: Tuesday 19th April 2022

Time: 1.00-2.30pm

Method: Zoom

Present 16

Apologies 7

Expressions of interest in joining the group 5

*Administration Note: to access any new Zoom meeting you need to find the meeting invitation for that day and click on the link. Old links do not work.*

*Where an abbreviation is used for the first time in the text, it is in bold.*

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|  | **Welcome, Apologies, Introductions**  AM welcomed everyone to the meeting.  SO was unable to attend this meeting, but JN did attend. Also attending was Asst. Director, Younger Adults, CART and Snr. Social Worker, **Adults’ Health and Care (AHC),** a department of Hampshire County Council, who gave an update and answered questions. |  |
|  | **Previous Actions –** *unless otherwise stated below, action has been achieved*   * How carers are to claim expenses, for these meetings, will be confirmed * The Carers Grant scheme has now finished. There was a very good take-up and it was a great project. AM reported that it is hoped that another project will be implemented, as it was so positive. |  |
|  | **Attendance** – JN asked if it could be clarified how much of the meetings, members would like SO, AL and him, to attend for? AM explained, on behalf of members, that it would be good if carer members could have some of the meeting to talk amongst themselves. JN agreed. |  |
|  | **Update from JH – see Appendix**   * ACTION 4.1: JH will check with VO that the issue of viral medication is highlighted * ACTION 4.2: JH will also share something with this group on Covid, public health and viral medication * ACTION 4.3: JN to speak to NM, re: the mass communication including a statement on viral medication * ACTION 4.4: JH will contact the Social Worker and ask for PH to be updated, re his son’s DP uplift * ACTION 4.5: JH will send a link on Hampshire finances   JN left the meeting at 2.00pm  AM is very keen that this group work together with AHC, to effect positive change; DH agreed. AM suggested that this could include jointly lobbying the Government.  JH added that if the group requires specific updates in future, please let her, SO or JN know, so that they can prepare.  ACTION 4.6: Members agreed they would like to invite TH, from the ICS to look at personalisation, to a future meeting. JHp to facilitate. | JH  JH  JN  JH  JH  JH |
|  | **Election of Chair:**  DH was the only nomination received and was voted for unanimously by members. AM congratulated DH and welcomed him as Chair.  DH took over Chairing the meeting |  |
|  | **Monitoring the LD Plan:** DH has asked JH who is monitoring the LD Plan and how could this be group could be part of the review.  JH said the Plan is now 4 years old and will need reviewing. She is presuming the LDP will want to call AHC to account. SE observed that when the Plan was written, it was designed with chapters, so that each chapter could be reviewed individually. JC suggested that each organisation who made “Promises” within the Plan could be written to and asked to provide an update. These updates could then be compared with the promises and updated or, if required, further information could be sought. |  |
|  | **Increase in Utilities and Financial assistance:** DR asked if there were any discussions taking place on the dramatic increase in utility bills. He gave an example of someone he knew who cared for someone on a ventilator, whose bills have doubled. Another member said there used to be concessions, if you were on certain benefits. DR said this was no longer the case and there was just a one-off payment of £147.00pa.  DH asked if these circumstances were being taken into consideration when financial assessments were carried out? JH said yes, they were. JH also said that discussions are being had with elected members, as this is a political issue.  JH left the meeting at 2.15pm. |  |
|  | **Membership and LIGs:** DH reminded members that at the last meetingit was suggested thatpossibly 2 or 3 people should attend from each of the former **\***LIG (**Local Implementation Groups**) areas. DH wondered how this impacted on the group.  AM said that some people from the Blue LIG have chosen not to attend, due to the changes in structure, and not necessarily because it is held online; they are waiting to see how this group works.  PH said he used to attend the Orange LIG and he had noticed that there weren’t any reps from the Andover area, who used to attend the LIG.  DH suggested that perhaps we could find someone who has a list of previous LIG members. AL said she has such a list, and that all the carers on this list have been written to.  ACTION 8.1: AL and DH to liaise on this matter, to ensure this group is representative.  **\***LIGs: There were 5 such groups, across Hampshire, each represented by a colour. Each group was made up of self-advocates, carers, providers, and practitioners. Last year VoiceAbility were commissioned, by AHC, to carry out a review of the LD Partnership, including the LIGs. This resulted in recommendations being made, and accepted. This group replaces the LIGs and provides carers a forum to discuss issues. Self-advocates now make up the majority of members on the LD Partnership Board; 3 carers will be invited to sit on the Board, and they will be selected from this group.  Margaret attended the Green LIG (Petersfield, Waterlooville, Havant area) and reported that members experienced connection issues, in this area. There were also people who were not online. FG, who used to co-ordinate all the LIGs had a list of attendees; has she been contacted and have these people been contacted by letter?  ACTION 8.2: AL will check with FG if the list she has is the most up to date.  ACTION 8.3: If members of this group have particular people in mind, who are not here, please let AL know. SW can provide some names of Orange LIG members.  JC observed that carers were involved in LIGs when their caring responsibilities allowed, and suggested we produce a newsletter to send to carers. DH agreed that the group needs to consider how we communicate with everyone. We also need to consider how to attract new members.  DH said we need to provide 2 x carers for the LDP Communications Working Group, and 2 for the Complex Needs Working Group. AL agreed that 2 x carers were needed but they don’t necessarily have to come from this group.  ACTION 8.4: AL and DH to discuss further  Notes from all the LDP Working Groups will be shared with this group and the notes from these meetings will be shared with everyone who has expressed an interest in the work of the group. | AL/DH  AL  All/SW  AL/DH |
|  | **AOB**   1. **Future meetings**: DH suggested in future, this meeting is held on alternate months and on the months when there is not a Carers Subgroup; everyone agreed. Also that we need to keep a check that we are not repeating information from that group. MW observed that with SO and JN regularly attending this meeting, it will be different from the Carers Subgroup. It was suggested that we aim for a regular pattern of the 2nd Tuesday of the month, from May, if possible, and that this fits with the LDP Board meeting. DH agreed.   ACTION 9.1: DH and JHp to liaise to agree dates   1. **Fiscal Drag:** PH would like this to be kept under discussion. DH agrees and shares his concerns. 2. **Dave’s email:** ACTION 9.2: DH’s email to be shared with all those who attend these meetings, so that members can email him with any suggestions for future agenda ideas. JHp to circulate. 3. **Financial and Annual Reviews:** ACTION 9.3:JHp was asked to add Financial and Annual Reviews to the next agenda – how are these being completed and when.   DHis a member of CASCAIDr [Welcome - CASCAIDr](https://www.cascaidr.org.uk/?msclkid=74a4e80acf6311ec86263bbb3fb9ff67) and they are considering running a course on finances/charging/contributions etc.  ACTION 9.4: DH to share details   1. **Aims for the group**: DH expressed his view that moving forward we need to be equally “challenging” and “supportive.” All agreed. | DH/JH  JH  JH  DH |
|  | Date of next meeting: ***Tuesday*** ***17th May, 10.00-11.30am*** |  |

Action Summary below

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| 9. | 8.4 | AL and DH to discuss further membership of the Communications and Complex Needs Working Groups | AL/DH |
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