Hampshire Carers Partnership & Learning Disability Partnership

Carers LD Working Group Meeting

Date: 21st November 2023

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm

Method: Zoom

*Administration Notes:*

*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.*

*The first time an abbreviation is used, it is in bold text.*

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|  | **Welcome/Apologies/Introductions**  Introductions were made.  **Conflicts of Interest** – none declared. |  |
| 1.0 | **AHC Update - JN** – see Appendix 1 available to carers’ group members on request |  |
| **2.0** | **Second Transition** – SD - See Appendix 2 available to carers’ group members on request |  |
| **3.0** | **Actions and Feedback from last meeting –** If no update, action has been achieved. See also actions on pages 3 & 4   * JN will find out who procured Care Director, what it cost, and feedback to the group – see earlier notes. * *JN to find out who could attend a future meeting to talk about how packages are increased when increased funds are agreed on packages other than commissioned services –* JN is waiting for approval from DMT, but the plan is that Direct Payments (DPs) will be increased at the same time as res care and day service fees.   Action 3.4:JN to provide a written update once this is signed off.   * *AL to suggest to NM to narrow search by mileage and area on C2S – feedback from NM:* This is the feedback from NM re Connect to Support:  “I’m not sure if we can do that on some parts – what ismeant exactly by mileage and area? We have district and borough council areas on the community directory already and I think the marketplace goes down to town geography – so would be good to understand which bit we were referring to?  Just need to understand a bit more about the context for the search and what they are doing at the moment that’s not working to find a way forward.” * *AL to ask for an update on why the responses in the ICB to DoLS And DoL are so slow – update:* this article explains it well, there is a backlog with the courts and the law requires a new one each time a change occurs.  [Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) - Care Quality Commission (cqc.org.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cqc.org.uk%2Fpublications%2Fmajor-report%2Fstate-care%2F2022-2023%2Fdols%23%3A~%3Atext%3DOver%252039%252C000%2520people%2520had%2520been%2Care%2520having%2520to%2520triage%2520assessments.&data=05%7C01%7Cjo.hooper%40carerstogether.org.uk%7C0d1ad174198948048aa308dbea862f4a%7C602eec4992fa44fab8ae7f2e5ab763bb%7C0%7C0%7C638361634274282198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NjlpX9iXxRLUndaux%2Bu0Z7%2FvpbnLAvnON6tbhZlZ%2FFk%3D&reserved=0)    A quote from the report:  Over 39,000 people had been waiting for longer than a year for their DoLS application to be completed as at 31 March 2023. * *Re TIC - AR to put a simple questionnaire together and ask PS, who is the Project Lead, to send and circulate – JH to follow up.* Post meeting note from AR **“**I think this related to a lead into the Trauma concordat, we set this up and circulated to the group. We did however only receive 1 response**.** The trauma project has now ended. We (LRP\*) remain committed in all out future work, which will include trauma informed support for teams, there is a provider forum which focuses on TIC and also a provider led champions network. In my view there remains a much bigger organisational trauma leadership question, but that’s where we are at.  Trauma informed care may also be a useful topic for the carers network to pressure HCC’s direction on, if they feel it is an important focus.**”**   \*LRP=Least Restrictive Practice | **JN** |
| **4.0** | **Updates**  **Communications Group** – AL: Invites have been circulated. Self-advocates are visiting different groups to discuss their survey; they are receiving support for this. Actions will be developed from the outcomes of the survey.  Self-advocates also attended the LD Roadshow, which is a quarterly HCC event. This was attended by staff who work in LD, and self-advocates were able ask questions; this was a very positive event.  Action 4.1: AL is composing a newsletter for Christmas, please contact AL if you have any suggestions for articles.  Post meeting note from AL: *I have resent the link to SE for the Communications Working Group as a minutes action – we will also advertise for someone in the newsletter as we haven’t got consistent representation in the Communication Group from a parent carer to e.g. input into the website etc which would be a space to help with sharing info  – will keep you posted.  If ever you would like me to add content to the HLDP for parent carers, let me know as there is a space there for it if needed.*  **Complex Needs Group** – AL: Re: previous discussions on amalgamating the group with this working group – members felt there were different needs and so the decision was taken to maintain two groups. There were also discussions on how to avoid duplication. At the last meeting there was a presentation on DoLS and technology. There is a possibility of people attending a future meeting and trying out equipment and technology. JS reported that a Chair has now been appointed.  **Older Persons Partnership** – AM: planning is still progressing; AM is meeting weekly with the Head of Operations for Older People, MH.  **Carers Strategy** – AM: the full title is Hampshire Carers Joint Strategy, which implies it is joint owned and includes children. The first draft has almost been completed, just waiting for comments from AHC. After the Strategy has been agreed, an action plan will be developed.  **Carers Charter** has already been agreed and circulated. | **All** |
| **5.0** | **AOB:**   * There is a new carers grant scheme, which has opened. This time carers can either receive money to fund a service or piece of equipment, etc, or supermarket vouchers. Princess Royal Trust for Carers, Andover MIND and Carers Together are all administering this grant. The funds have to last until March 2024. * JS reported that a new disco has started in Southampton, which CS is going to try.   Action 5.1: If it is good, JS to let DH know and he will advertise on the Facebook page.   * Action 5.2: JS asked members to keep a look out on Facebook for an advert for the Hampshire PA Finder; if you do see it, please “like” and let DH or JH know. | JS  All |
|  | **Date of next Meeting:** 15th January 2024 2.00 – 4.00pm |  |

See below for Action Summary

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|  |  | **Updates/Actions from 21st November 2023** |  |
| **No.** | **Ref** | **Action** |  |
| 1 | 1.1 | PH to email JN with further details about supported employment and he will look into this issue for him. | JN |
| 2 | 1.2 | JH to liaise with JN re: bringing someone to the next meeting to address the issue of recruitment in supported living, in more detail. | JH/JN |
| 3 | 1.3 | JH to liaise with SE and MG to confirm arrangements for families to fund additional stays where people are using shared lives as a form of short breaks or respite. | JH |
| 4 | 1.4 | MW is still concerned about the financing of shared lives and that individuals are being asked to contribute towards the utility bills with their additional cost of living payments from central government. JN agreed this is unclear and AHC are trying to get clarity on how the funding is working, especially around cost of living payments. MW to raise with shared lives scheme concerns about her son also being asked to pay for a new wardrobe. | MW |
| 5 | 3.2 | JN to come back to a future meeting for a discussion on co-production in new services – JN and JH to liaise | JN |
| 6 | 3.3 | *JN to keep members updated on the supported living reviews –* JH to add to January agenda. | JH |
| 7 | 3.4 | JN is waiting for approval from DMT, but the plan is that Direct Payments (DPs) will be increased at the same time as res care and day service fees.  JN to provide a written update once this is signed off. | JN |
| 8 | 3.5 | DH and AM to meet to design a flyer to promote the Carers LD Working Group and attract new members. | DH/  AM |
| 9 | 3.6 | *DH and AM to meet to design a flyer.* | DH/  AM |
| 10 | 4.1 | AL is composing a newsletter for Christmas, please contact AL if you have any suggestions for articles. | All |
| 11 | 5.1 | If the new disco in Southampton is good, JS to let DH know and he will advertise on the Facebook page. | JS/  DH |
| 12 | 5.2 | JS asked members to keep a look out on Facebook for an advert for the Hampshire PA Finder; if you do see it, please “like” and let DH or JH know. | All |