Hampshire Carers Partnership Board

Carers LD Working Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday 21st March 2023

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm

Method: Zoom

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| **Attendees** | 10 |
| **Visitor** |
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| **Apologies** | 8 |

*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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| **1.0** | **Welcome/Apologies/Introductions****Conflicts of Interest** – none declared.  |  |
| **2.0** | AHC LD Update – SO – see Appendix 1*Available on request for members*  |  |
| **3.0** | **Actions and Feedback from last meeting –** see Action Summary on page 5. If no update, action has been achieved. * *DH to try and recruit another carer rep for the LDP Communications. Group* – no one has come forward. This is a monthly meeting which meets on a Thursday afternoon.

Action 3.1: everyone to consider if anyone in their contacts could be suggested for this role* JH has contacted TK to ask if she can talk about Disabled Facilities Grant, DFGs, but she is not the right person on this subject. AM observed that each Borough Council seems to administer this scheme differently. DH talked about where the legislation comes from.

Action 3.2: DH to provide links and a simple summary information sheet.Discussion about asking for examples which the group could use for discussion. AM has a contact who has had a poor experience this but would need their permission to share. *Post meeting note:* links re DFGs: * + <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-facilities-grants/print>
	+ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disabled-facilities-grant-dfg-delivery-guidance-for-local-authorities-in-england/disabled-facilities-grant-dfg-delivery-guidance-for-local-authorities-in-england#chapter-1-introduction>
	+ <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/care/housing-options/adapting-home/disabled-facilities-grants-to-adapt-your-home/>

Action 3.3: AM to approach contact for permission, with a view to challenging Eastleigh BC, who are the relevant council in this case.* Action 3.4: DH to ask for feedback, on the vouchers, from people who he has contact with and feedback to JN.
* *JN to ask AMC at HCC if she can support on claiming the Govt. vouchers.*
* *JN to ask question about DFGs and whether AHC can get involved if health have refused to fund, and person is also known to AHC, at the SHOG meeting, and will bring information back to this group*
* *JN to investigate how it is suggested to someone that they consider a 3rd party/managed account.*

Action 3.5: JH to email JN to ask if he has any updates on the points in italics above.* The draft AHC Strategy is not available yet.
* Action 3.6: AM to circulate a copy of the ICB Strategy
 | AllDHAMDHJHAM |
| **4.0** | **Updates:**AL reported that both the Communication**s** and Complex Needs groups have met recently. **Communications:**Comms. group focussed on the website, with carers input. Newsletter to go out at the end of March, to give an update on changes. The group are conscious that the community and volunteer groups want to be more involved.**Complex needs**:This group meets alternate months to this carers LD working group; the next meeting will be discussing staffing and working with people with complex needs. A carer, AB supports this group but doesn't want to Chair. Also discussions on therapies and the environment, so how do people use resources when they go into respite, and how can family careers be involved? Topics are planned in advance.Action 4.1: AL who will put out a request for a Chair for the group; it doesn't have to be a parent carer.Q: when will the website be launched. A: AL is hoping it will be the end of March. Self-advocates will present the launch.Action 4.2: If there is any content people want, AL would welcome any ideas. DH made a plea to get the website launched as soon as possible, as people are waiting for it. Newsletter: aiming to get this out this week still time to add information Action 4.3: DH and AL to liaise re newsletter.AL agreed to update the group on any changes to Co-Chair. Councillor BW will be Joining the LD Partnership; Councillor FC is standing down after the March meeting. Councillor BW could be invited to a future group meeting.AM observed that HCP is trying to get funding for a carer’s website**,** and this could contain links to the LDP website; AL agreed. AL has also worked with Connect to Support, to ensure people get a link straight to the pages they are searching for.**Old Persons Partnership – AM**: there used to be a lot of older persons’ forums across the localities who were able to give a variety of views; the Older Person's Partnership has now been revived; a number of older people want to get involved. There has been an initial meeting proposing a new Old Persons PartnershipBoard so that issues can be moved on. 30 people booked into the meeting, of those 25 were organisations who set up to provide support. It was apparent that the older people, and many others, didn't know about the organisations that are out there, even though they are delivering similar services. Consideration is being given as to whether to set up a separate group for providers. Another meeting will be held soon. Linked to this new partnership, AM is part of an End of Life group which is looking at how to improve information and support. The group has been set up to look at End of Life conversations, and End of Life with people with a learning disability, considering how much do they understand, whether they are End of Life or if their carer is. Conversations for people with learning disabilities have received funding. AM volunteered BC who is a carer but also CEO of Go LD to get involved with this work. BC agreed and said this was “right up our street.” She has been talking recently about how much it costs to have a funeral; all people with learning disabilities will be exposed to this so it's important to take the taboo away from this subject. It also needs to be recognised that there is a big shift in the lifespan of people with learning disabilities who might now very well outlive their parents.Action 4.4: anyone who would like to be involved with the conversations with people with learning disabilities are welcome. Contact AM.DH also referred to the AHC second transition work. This highlights how it is crucial to plan for all age groups. **Carers strategy and Charter review** – AM has received a possible revision of a new career strategy. AM is proposing a small one-off group to review this. We need approximately 6 people including DH. Carers have already reviewed and agreed the Charter.Action 4.5: JH to set up a group to review the care of strategy. | ALAllDH/ALAllJH |
| **5.0** | **New Information:*** DFGs - see earlier notes.
* Finance issues - raised by carers including charging. Could the FAB (Finance and Benefits) team talk about charging in Hampshire. One London Borough Council has removed all charging.
* Financial drag – Action 5.1: DH will investigate who could be invited to these meetings to talk about this
* Homeshare – AM: a new proposal for Winchester. Homeshare <https://homeshareuk.org/> started in London. The concept being that people who have a spare room, and who also have some level of support needs, rent out a room, and instead of the person paying financially for the room they give 10 hours support per week plus a payment of £200 per month. The care would not involve personal care but other types of support required. It has expanded in the 10 years it has been running. This scheme applies to carers too. Homeshare organisations recruit both parties and maintain and manage the arrangement. Recently a new project has been set up in Winchester.

Action 5.2: AM to invite EK who manages the Winchester scheme, to a future meeting. | DHAM |
| **6.0** | **AOB:**1. M and PH sent their apologies for the next meeting as they are on holiday.
2. Action 6.1: JH to send AHC expenses form, to carers, and a reminder to claim expenses. Also to include a list of meetings indicating which meetings carers claim from Carers Together, and which from AHC.
3. **Carer Supermarket Voucher scheme** – operated by Hampshire Children’s Services, and administered by voluntary organisations, including Carers Together: AM gave an update. It has caused issues in that Portsmouth and Southampton are not offering a similar scheme, to the Hampshire one. The carer scheme in Hampshire has been very successful, but there have been some challenging conversations with some carers who live in the Portsmouth and Southampton area, as they cannot claim for them. It is not known how Portsmouth and Southampton have distributed the funds they would have received. The Government has allocated funds for the new financial year, but to date, they have not said how this will be distributed.
 | JH |
|  | **Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday the 23rd of May 2.00 - 4:00 p.m. |  |

See below for Action Summary

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|  |  | **Updates/Actions from 21st March 2023**  |  |
| **No.** | **Ref** | **Action** |  |
| 1. | 2.1 | SO to speak to DH to confirm details of how sleepover payments are calculated for those on Direct Payments. | SO |
| 2. | 2.2 | DH and JS to keep the group updated on Direct Payments and notice period for those is residential care. | DH/JS |
| 3. | 2.3 | DH will post something on Facebook about SO’s departure.  | DH |
| 4. | 3.1 | Everyone to consider if any carers in their contacts could be suggested for representing carers at the LDP Communications. Group | All |
| 5. | 3.2 | DH to provide links and a simple summary information sheet, on DFGs | DH |
| 6. | 3.3 | AM to approach contact for permission, with a view to challenging Eastleigh BC, who are the relevant council in this case. | AM |
| 7. | 3.3 | DH to ask for feedback, on the vouchers, from people who he has contact with and feedback to JN.  | DH |
| 78. | 3.4 | JH to email JN to ask if he has any updates on the points in italics above (see section 3 of notes above) | JH |
| 9. | 3.5 | AM to circulate a copy of the ICB Strategy | AM |
| 10. | 4.1 | AL who will put out a request for a Chair for the Complex Needs group; it doesn't have to be a parent carer. | AL |
| 11. | 4.2 | If there is any content people want, on the website or the newsletter, AL would welcome any ideas.  | All |
| 12. | 4.3 | DH and AL to liaise re newsletter. | DH/AL |
| 13. | 4.4 | Anyone who would like to be involved with the conversations with people with learning disabilities, on End of Life are welcome. Contact AM. | All |
| 14. | 4.5 | JH to set up a group to review the carers strategy. | JH |
| 15. | 5.1 | DH will investigate who could be invited to these meetings to talk about financial drag | DH |
| 16. | 5.2 | AM to invite EK who manages the Winchester Homeshare scheme, to a future meeting. | AM |
| 17. | 6.1 | JH to send AHC expenses form, to carers, and a reminder to claim expenses. Also to include a list of meetings indicating which meetings carers claim from Carers Together, and which from AHC.  | JH |