

Carers Strategy Group
Minutes of Meeting Held on
Tuesday 29 April 2008

Present :

- Glynnis Joffe (GJ), Assistant Director, Adult Social Services, London Borough of Barnet (LBB) (Chair)
- Rhoda Fynn (RF), Carer Representative
- Ray Booth (RB), Barnet Mencap
- Catherine Tam (CT), Barnet Care and Support Service (BCASS)
- Amita Shah (AS), Carers Nurse, Barnet Primary Care Trust (PCT)
- Paramjit Singh (PS), Barnet PCT
- Stella Henriques (SH), Carers Representative
- Nigel Love (NL), Older Adults Service Manager, LBB
- Janice Hembrow (JH), Carers Representative
- Liz Tomasson (LT), Principal Practitioner, Learning Disabilities Social Work Team, LBB
- Pamela Wells (PW), Carer Representative
- Mike Smith (MS), Barnet Carers Centre

Apologies :

- Sonia Douek (SD), Jewish Care
- David Hart (DH), Barnet Voluntary Service Council (BVSC)
- Andrew Wilkes (AW), Learning Disabilities Service Manager, LBB
- Diane Williams (DW), Barnet Carers Centre
- Julia Merrigan (JM), Barnet PCT
- Anthony Nicholson (AN), Carers Representative, Learning Disabilities

	Item	Action
1	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising from Meeting held on 21 February.</p> <p>Apologies noted from Barbara Ball</p> <p>Carers Strategy 1.3 – Add in parents of disabled children. Children’s Service to define carers’ lead.</p>	
2	<p>Information</p> <p>Agreed to set up an information subgroup. Those interested to contact Emily Bowler, Communications Manager, Adult Social Services to set up a subgroup working on developing a multi</p>	All

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	agency information strategy.	
3	Carers Modular Training Barnet Carers, BCASS, Friend in Need (FIN) and Amita Shah to scope what a modular course is to include. Chandana Sanyal, Learning and Development Manager (London Borough of Barnet) will attend a meeting to put in guidance from the training department's point of view.	Mike Smith
Feedback from various agencies (not all information is documented)		
4	Barnet Care and Support Services Professional leaflets produced. Increase in take up of service.	
5	700 more people registered. 50% are referred from GPs. Carrying out a questionnaire of what carers want. Good take up of counselling. New Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment (PDSI) Officer has been a plus. No dedicated resource for carers of older people.	
6	Issue raised of carers getting respite in the home where there are children. A paid carer for an adult is not able to look after the other children which sometimes means that the carer cannot get proper respite.	
7	Friend In Need – Discussion that FIN undertake a range of activities and they need more recognition for work they do.	
8	Carers Nurse – runner up for patients choice nurse	
9	Carers courses for carers looking after a person with mental health problems. Jeffrey Breslaw: Having difficulty linking with carers who could benefit. Mandatory for psychiatrists to have training on carers.	
10	Mencap 3 achievements above those made day to day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piece of work carried out with parent carers. Sexuality for teenagers • Emergency planning with Asian families • Respite service – concerns over the funding. Carers campaigned for it to continue. Undertaking a review of respite services with Adult Social Services. 	
12	Carers of disabled children - Consultation for all parents needing respite is being initiated by the Choice Project Board – Multi-Agency Board for all involved with disabled children. One of the objectives is to widen out short break services for parents of disabled children. A consultation exercise will be undertaken to find out parents' views.	

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13	Barbara to ask Carolyn to update the group on what is being done for young carers	Carolyn Greenaway
14	Stella is initiating a sub group for carers of the Partnership Board. Emergency planning – topic. Already work under way in Learning Disabilities. To be presented to next Carers Strategy Group.	Ray Booth/ Andrew Wilkes
15	Training for staff. Carers Centre identifying that we need to be doing more training for staff across health and social care. Training about legislation, rights, carers needs. Agencies to email Linda on the gaps in training for staff.	All
16	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 24 June, 10am – 12noon Training Room 4, Building 2, North London Business Park N11 1NP	