

## Carers Strategy Group

### Minutes of Meeting Held on

Thursday 21 February 2008

#### Present :

- Glynnis Joffe (GJ) London Borough of Barnet (LBB) (Chair)
- Maggie Goff (MG), Health and Social Care Policy Manager, LBB
- Judy Faulkner (JF), Carer Coordinator, Friend in Need (FIN)
- Janice Hembrow (JH), FIN
- Nigel Love (NL), Older Adults Service Manager, LBB
- Diane Williams (DW), Barnet Carers Centre
- Stella Henriques (SH), Carers Representative
- Pamela Wells (PW), Carers Representative
- Anthony Nicholson (AN), Carers Representative, Learning Disabilities
- Jo Cahill (JC), Alzheimer's Society
- Catherine Tam (CT), Barnet Care and Support Service (BCASS)
- Christine Marchesi (CM), Carers Representative
- John Binding (JB), Learning Disabilities Social Work Manager, LBB
- Becky Kingsworth, Marie Curie End of Life Care Project

#### Apologies :

- Adele Yemm (AY), Barnet Primary Care Trust (PCT)
- Sonia Douek (SD), Jewish Care
- Julia Merrigan (JM), Barnet PCT
- Amita Shah (AS), Carers Nurse, Barnet PCT
- Shirley Regan (SR), Commissioning Manager, Physical and Sensory Impairment, LBB
- Ray Booth (RB), Barnet Mencap
- Marie Bailey (MB), Physical and Sensory Impairment Service Manager, LBB
- Carolyn Greenaway (CG), Assistant Divisional Manager, Children and Families, LBB
- Jeffrey Bresslaw (JB), Carers Representative
- Rhoda Fynn (RF), Carers Representative

	Item	Action
1	Becky Kingsworth from the Marie Curie End of Life Care Project – Barnet attended. She sought views from carers on what needs to be included in improvements in the care pathway for carers. A handout on the findings of phase 1 of the project has been circulated and the plans for improvements in End of Life Care are now being finalised. The implementation will start in the next financial year. Becky will circulate the points discussed and her email address. Carers still have time to feed into the project.	BK

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<b>2</b>	Nigel Love shared the work being undertaken in Social Services and the Mental Health Trust to implement emergency/contingency planning where carers are providing regular and substantial care should they not be able to do so in an emergency. All new cases where people are assessed and there is a care plan will have a documented emergency plan where there is a carer providing regular and substantial care. This will be electronically available to the out-of-hours team. This system will be launched in March.	<b>NL</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Information</b> The availability of information which is easily accessible to the public and professionals needs to be brought together. A subgroup to improve the availability of information will be convened as part of implementing the carers strategy. GJ asked the agencies to think about how the current fragmented approach could be improved on. Diane Williams agreed to raise this subject at the network of carers agencies.	<b>DW</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Carers assessment</b> Confirmed that this is now on the internet and we have received some completed forms back. Internal process of response times discussed. Christine Marchesi commented that the Hertfordshire website has helpful information for carers and GJ agreed to take this up with the Adult Social Services Communications Manager.	<b>GJ</b>
<b>5</b>	Jo Cahill invited members to the National Dementia Strategy consultation event : <b>London Local Listening Event, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey – 26 February 2008, 10am-1pm, Trinity Church Centre, 15 Nether Street, N12 7NN</b> <b>The consultation is organised by Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP) and the Alzheimer’s Society.</b> The draft Dementia Strategy is due in Spring.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 29 April, 2- 4pm.</b> <b>Training Room 4, Building 2, North London Business Park</b> <b>London N11 1NP</b>	