

Carers Strategy Group
Minutes of Meeting Held on
Tuesday 24 June 2008

Present :

- Glynnis Joffe (JG), Assistant Director, Adult Social Services, London Borough of Barnet (LBB) (Chair)
- Maggie Goff (MG), Health and Social Care Policy Manager, LBB
- Marie Bailey (MB), Physical and Sensory Impairment Service Manager, LBB
- Anthony Nicholson (AN), Family Carer Representative
- Stella Kain (SK), Carer
- Mike Smith (MS), Barnet Carers Centre
- Diane Williams (DW), Barnet Carers Centre
- Carolyn Greenaway (CG), Assistant Divisional Manager, Children and Families, LBB
- Emily Bowler (EB), Communications Manager, Adult Social Services, LBB
- Ray Booth (RB), Barnet Mencap
- Lynn Williams (LW), Barnet Care and Support Services (BCASS)
- Judy Faulkner (JF), Friend in Need (FIN)
- Amita Shah (AS), Barnet Primary Care Trust (PCT)
- Julia Merrigan (JM), Barnet PCT
- Pamela Wells (PW), Carer Representative
- Christine Marchesi (CM), Young Autistic Spectrum Socialising (YASS)
- Nigel Love (NL), Older Adults Service Manager, LBB
- Chandana Sanyal (CS), Training and Development Manager, Adult Social Services, LBB
- Rhoda Fynn (RF), Carer Representative
- Sasha Capocci (SC), Carer Representative

Apologies :

- Jeffrey Breslaw (JB), Carers Representative
- Janice Hembrow (JH), Carers Representative
- Sonia Douek (SD), Jewish Care
- Catherina Tam (CT), Barnet Care Attendant Scheme
- John Wilks (JW), Friend in Need
- Shirley Regan (SR), Commissioning Manager, Physical and Sensory Impairment, LBB
- Paramjit Singh (PS), Barnet PCT

	Item	Action
1	Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting held on 29 April: Correction: Anthony Nicholson attended the meeting.	

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	<p>Item 5: 700 more people registered. 50% are 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.</p> <p>It should be noted that this was the feedback from Barnet Carers Centre</p>	
2	New members welcomed to the Carers Strategy Group: Stella Kain, Sasha Capocci	
3	<p>Carers Training</p> <p>Discussion on the subgroup work. Agreed a modular approach with generic and specialist training which would cover the needs of all carers in Barnet and be available to all carers and widely publicised. Need to use resources well. Carers Centre has training in their specification. We need to use the specialist resources we have and can draw on the Expert Carers Programme which should have some money for us to apply from. There may be limited money available from Barnet but not money to fund the whole programme</p>	
4	<p>National Carers Conference</p> <p>Nigel Love presented the feedback from the National Carers Conference. The presentations will be circulated. If we do not get the agenda right on carers we will have problems with workforce, pensions and supporting people in the community.</p>	
5	Feedback on contingency planning in Learning Disability pilot postponed to next meeting.	Ray Booth
6	<p>Contingency Planning</p> <p>Nigel Love reported that some staff have had training on contingency planning and we have started to implement this in the service.</p> <p>Emergency arrangements could cost more and the emergency respite provision is individually based. Amita and Diane mentioned carers they come across who are at risk of breakdown. These carers need to be referred to Social Services and we need feedback if these routes do not work. Sasha raised the issues of carers emergencies on the weekend.</p> <p>NL and MB to take the issue away and feedback to the next Carers Strategy Group meeting. We also need to be explicit with carers on whom to call if they are not known to Barnet.</p>	NL, MB
7	Short breaks for families with special needs. Barbara Ball is taking this up through the Children's Board.	BB

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8	National Carers Strategy More money for NHS, Young Carers and Respite.	
9	National Carers Strategy For full discussion at the next meeting. Carers Centre to start off the discussion. Summary to be sent to Anthony, Rhoda Fynn and Stella Henriques.	
10	Carers Week at the Carers Centre Programme at schools reached 900 children to raise awareness. Adults – Free Holiday for 12 people during Carers Week. Charity concert. Complimentary therapies available. Health and social care staff conference was successful. Attended by 22 staff. Wine tasting and trip to the Zoo. Welfare rights talks and Buffet for carers ended the week.	
12	Carers Support Organisations Network – Co-ordinator appointed Mark Wehrly. Will develop a terms of reference to come back to the strategy group.	
13	Carolyn Greenaway - Young carers strategy is being developed into the first draft. Building resilience supporting independence agenda. This is preventive work and young carers work to form part of the plan. Target for identifying young carers is now part of the Children and young people's plan. Young carers' conference attended by Carolyn raised the issues of young carers when they turn 18. For some young carers, eg those Diane Williams gave of parents with drug issues.	
14	Information Group membership Christine Marchesi, Pamela Wells, Judy Faulkner, Sasha Capocci, Diane Williams, Ray Booth	
15	Training – membership Amita Shah, Lynn Williams, Christine Marchesi and Carolyn to talk to Barbara Ball about a representative from the Choice Board, Mike Smith, Friend In Need, Ray Booth	
16	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 25 September, 2-4pm, Conference Room 3, Building 2, North London Business Park (please note new date)	