



NORTH WEST SURREY CARERS STRATEGY AND CHARTER NOTES

MINUTES

Name of meeting	NORTH WEST SURREY CARERS STRATEGY AND CHARTER
Date meeting held	6th December 2007
Where meeting held	Sheerwater Centre
Present	Brian Askew, John Bangs, Sandy Lunn, Penny Roberts, Janet Haynes, David Revie, Rayner Ward, Cassie Chatterton, Duncan Sloman, Sharon Gabby Alliford, Lesley Blythe, Mary Byng, Pam Hughes, Christine Hayden
Apologies	Alex Abisheer, Suzanne Harrison, Caroline Hunter, Jacqui Mclean, Caroline Roycroft, Celia Mccay, Ishret Mirza, Sarah

No.	TIME	AGENDA ITEM	FROM	ACTION/NOTES	BY WHOM	DATE FOR COMPLETION
1		Notes of last meeting		Error in section 1 should read 87 Billion pounds in section 1. £1171.6 million instead of £1.8. . two services. Taxi voucher scheme Spelthorne seems to be lost. Rayner name. The figures which is broke down for Surrey was made available at the meeting.		
2		Roll out of Carers Emergency Card		The Carers Emergency Card has now been distributed. The card will alert Emergency Services that someone is home if the carer is involved in an accident. There is a commitment to fund the card which is Surreywide. There has been reports about a Guilford Carers Emergency Card which is linked in to a call centre. The group was told that this system does not operate and to have a system such		

				as this would need massive investment across Surrey. The Emergency Respite System development is underway. As part of these plans a number of new staff will be available in the Surrey County Council Contact Centre. These new staff will do an initial Carer Assessment. They will also help register people for emergency respite.		
3		North West Surrey Carers Information Book		The group was told that a small team of people were needed to keep the local information book up to date and volunteers were asked for. Sandy Lunn, Penny Roberts and a rep from Surrey Boarders Partnership and Ron Critcher will update the book. The group was told that there may be some money available in the new year to re print book. SBPT has Surrey wide book which may need some local information	Penny Roberts Sandy Lunn , Rep from Surrey Boarders Partnership Trust	On going
4		New Deal for Carers/		Launch of new deal April or May 2008. There has been various consultation events around the county. Development of the strategy is underway. As soon as strategy is launched the local groups will need to look at the national strategy in order to inform and develop the local strategies		
5		Development Updates		<p>The group was told that GP awareness is a priority of Carers is a priority. Carers need flexibility for appointments and other Carer friendly services. The group was told that Age Concern has a officer that go into some surgeries. PRTC (Princess Royal Trust for Carers) and College of Practitioners are doing some work to pilot and test a GP self assessment tool. The assessment tool is being lunched in 2008.</p> <p>Surrey PCT Action Plan will be shortly evaluate the Carers GP recognition in South West Surrey which is operating within Guildford and Waverley. The meeting was told that</p>	<p>Task force are</p> <p>Pam Hughes, Brian Askew, Rayner Ward Surrey Boarders Partnership</p>	On Going

			<p>some Gp's are receptive and some are not. There seems to be inequity across the county around appointment process. The meeting agreed to set a task force to be set up to promote Royal College toolkit This issue needs to be raised within South East Surrey Group.</p>	<p>rep Rep from Woking Carers Support David Revie, Surrey PCT will be asked for rep PALS Rep</p>	
6		AOB	<p>The group was told Direct Payments money is still available. There was an issue around people who do not engage with Social Care and issue around service. The group felt there needs to be developed an assessment process without going through a full community care assessment. A member told the group that there is an issue where Surrey CMHT is refusing carers assessment. The group will look into this.</p> <p>It was reported that funding for Carer Break Vouchers have run out in Runnymede. If a case is eligible and a Carer needs a break then these needs will need to be met</p> <p>A question was asked that if a carer needs respite and vouchers have been allocated transport is not included within the Carer Break Voucher allocation. If the cared for person is unable to get to the location Surrey County Council may provide transport. a location however this depends on case if funding should be available. Point was made if Carer needs to transport the cared for person it cuts into carers respite time. Individual budgets may be a way forward on this. Bus passes are an issue re companion passes. It was reported to the meeting these passes can only be used while you travel with the person you care for</p>		

				<p>A question was raised around the frequency of meeting for the Carers Strategy Groups. The County Strategy Group will take place twice a year in the form of a mini conference. The North West Surrey Strategy meetings will take place four times a year starting in March 2008</p> <p>Possible dates for the 2008 meetings will be sent out in the next few weeks</p>																
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Meeting Dates For 2008

Possible dates for Meetings for next year are as follows

Tuesday 18 th March 2008	or	Tuesday 25 th March 2008	Venue	Elmbridge	time	10:15am to 12:15pm
Tuesday 10 th June 2008	or	Tuesday 17 th June 2008	Venue	Spelthorne	time	10:15am to 12:15pm
Tuesday 16 th September 2008	or	Tuesday 23 rd September 2008	Venue	Runnymede	time	10:15am to 12:15pm
Tuesday 9 th December 2008	or	Tuesday 16 th December 2008	Venue	Woking	time	10:15am to 12:15pm

I would be grateful if you would choose your preferred dates and either e mail me at ron.critcher@surreycc.gov.uk or telephone me on 01483 519146 by the 25th of January 2008. Firm dates with venues will then be sent to you early February