

# Minutes for Carers Strategy Partnership Board approval

Carers' Strategy Partnership Board

Wednesday 13 March 2013

Training Room 3, Building 2, NLBP

## Attendees (listed alphabetically by first name)

Amita Shah (AS)	Barnet Council
Andrew Cowen (AC)	Carers' Representative
Anthony Nicholson (AN)	Carers' Representative
Cathy Goldin (CG)	Parent Carer
Christine McDonagh (CMcD)	Carers' Representative
Fiona Jones (FJ)	Barnet Carers Centre (Co-chair)
Janice Hembrow (JH)	Carers' Representative
Jasvinder Perihar (JP)	Barnet Council
Jeffrey Breslaw (JB)	Carers' Representative
Louanna Prince (LP)	Barnet Council
Marshall Taylor (MT)	Barnet Council (Co-Chair)
Rhoda Fynn (RF)	Carers' Representative LDPB
Stella Henriques (SH)	Carers' Representative PSIPB
Tracey Kane (TK)	Barnet Council (Support)
Zenda Green (ZG)	Carer's Centre

## Presenting

Paul Maguire (PM)	Barnet Council
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## Apologies

Christine Marchesi (CM)	pp4dan, YASS
Elizabeth Shillingford (ES)	CLCH
Linda Edwards (LE)	Carers' Representative
Ray Booth (RB)	Barnet Mencap
Selina Rodrigues (SR)	LINKs

Item No	Description	Action By
1	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>FJ welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. FJ informed the meeting that she is resigning as co-chair due to work commitments. She will still attend board meetings for the near future and so will ZG.</p>	

2	<p><b>Workshop: Implementing Partnership Board reward and recognition policy recommendations</b></p> <p>JP briefed the meeting on the review of the partnership boards. Part of that is how service users and carers get involved. 30 recommendations were proposed and all partnership boards have to look at how they are going to take these forward. There will now be 4 partnership boards per year and 2 summits, and one member of the Senior Management Team will come to one meeting per year.</p> <p>SH asked for an updated organisation chart.</p> <p>JP gave a list of 15 items for the board to put into order of priority.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> JP to collate the list of priorities from the 3 group discussions.</p>	JP
3	<p><b>Workshop: Review Annual Work Plan 2012-13</b></p> <p>JP looked at the issues that have come up in the last year. The findings from the Department of Health survey of carers are not available yet. The groups needs to feedback to the Summit on its planned actions.</p> <p>A paper was circulated to group on key issues, unmet needs and gaps for carers reported during the year and Workplan 2012-13 progress.</p> <p>SH and AN both commented on the lack of information coming back from social workers and to make sure there is a clear pathway.</p> <p>AS said that carers have unmet needs. Social workers then close cases so carer's issues are not being dealt with.</p> <p>JH stated that it was 3 months since she has had any response from a social worker. She has emailed but nothing happens.</p> <p>Issues in relation to the Carers Needs Assessment (CNA) will be addressed through workplan action to implement revised CNA process.</p> <p>JB told the group that he is involved in training with social workers at Middlesex University. AC agreed that this work JP has been doing with Carers Needs Assessment is excellent.</p> <p>JP gave an update on the last Workplan 2012-13. Three Workshop groups listed actions for 2013/14</p> <p><b>Action:</b> JP to compile all 3 groups suggestions for the 2013-14 Workplan, and will circulate it for comments by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 before it is finalising.</p>	JP
4	<p><b>Partnership Board Summit</b></p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board Summit will now be in May and not</p>	

	<p>April. JP distributed a template for the board to complete with their Achievements, Priorities, Challenges and Questions. The board split into groups for discussions. Board also to provide suggestions on the format for presenting CSPB work to Summit.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> JP to collate all suggestions and add to the template and circulate to Board for comments by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012.</p>	JP
5	<p><b>Disabilities Facilities Grant</b></p> <p>PM gave a report on the Disabilities Facilities Grant which is available to any disabled adult or child living in a house. To provide better access in and out of a house, widening doors, bathroom facilities, floor lift, ramp access etc. The maximum grant is £30,000 (with £20,000 discretionary) which amounts to a possible £50,000 grant. The first assessment is by the occupational health therapist (OHT) to decide whether works are necessary for the person. The application then goes to the grants team who decide if that recommendation is practicable. Once the grant is approved, as part of the care and repair service, they can help to get builders, the building application and permits. PM distributed a leaflet on Care and Repair.</p> <p>AC stated that the process for the grant takes ages. We need to be more pro-active in identifying needs of carers and service users in advance rather than looking at their condition and afterwards applying a process that takes up to a year. We need to make this process more effective and quicker.</p> <p>SH agreed the process is not easy and it is also very stressful.</p> <p>PM replied that they should be looking at a lifetime solution, the grant officer should do a joint visit with the OHT for the best use of public money and then to pressure planning.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> JP suggested AC put together a list of bullet points on the issues raised to put forward to the planning department.</p>	AC
6	<p><b>Recruitment of new co-chair</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> FJ will put an advert in Carers Voice for a carer to nominate themselves from the board for co-chair.</p>	FJ

<b>7</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<u>Safeguarding, and Carers Support</u> – RB will be taking part in the	
<b>7.2</b>	Safeguarding Peer Challenge next week and will feedback on safeguarding at the next meeting.	
<b>7.3</b>	<u>Council Update</u> : MT briefed the board about the new structure being introduced from 2013 and how the service needs to meet the needs of an increasing elderly population and how we design and deliver these services. From a prevention point of view it is about health and wellbeing, exercise and healthy diets to prevent hospital admissions and prevent the curve that is coming in 10-15 years time. A strategy is to be developed with our health colleagues with a joined up approach to wellbeing. New services play an important part in the next 10-15 years to address these issues. MT will give further update at next meeting.	
<b>7.4</b>	<u>Review of Action Log</u> : Two actions remained open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To invite Telecare back for an update at the June meeting</li> <li>• Transition – Caroline Glover to be invited back on the development of this work at the June meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Carers Matters</b> AC gave details of a Health and Wellbeing Event for Carers on Tuesday 19 March, 10am-1.30pm, at the Greek Cypriot Centre in north Finchley. It is an opportunity for family carers to engage and question senior health care representatives and hear about changes affecting family carers. It is an opportunity to hear more about the health and wellbeing support, the services that affect your role and to put your questions to decision-makers.  <b>Action:</b> AC to send the link for this event to TK	AC
<b>9</b>	<b>Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RF name corrected on minutes.</li> <li>• Update Carer's organisations.</li> </ul>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Key Messages &amp; Any Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carers unhappy with the outcome of Carers Needs Assessments</li> <li>• Trading Times information circulated.</li> </ul> AC had issues with Trading Times which was distributed. No place to post a job and arbitration process is not clear.	
<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 26 June 2013, 13.00 – 16.00pm Conference Room 3, Building 2, NLBP		