

## WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

**Notes of the Carers Steering Group meeting held  
on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 commencing at 10.00 am in  
Conference Room, Main Building, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital**

<b>Present:</b>	<p>Ms Deirdre Walker, Asst Director Social Care (Chair)          Mrs Susan McDermott, Head of Service (Supported Living &amp; Social Work) Adult Mental Health Service          Ms Dympna McNamee, Carer Representative          Mrs Christine Ritchie, Carer Representative          Mrs Mary Millar, Carer Representative          Mrs Rosaleen Harkin, Asst Director Learning Disability          Mr Alex Reilly, Carer Representative          Mrs Louise Gilheaney, Carers Development Worker (SS)          Mrs Geraldine McLaughlin, Carers Development Worker (NS)          Ms Catherine Carlin, Head of Service Physical Disability (A)          Mr Michael Downes, Carer Representative          Ms Sandra Love, Head of Service, Childrens Disability Services (A)          Mrs Paula Devine, Locality Services Manager, Waterside and Limavady</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Mrs Kay Devine, Commissioning Support Manager, HSCB          Mrs Mary Moore, Carer Representative          Ms Tara Boyle, Carer Representative</p>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<p>Mr Frank Johnston, Shared Lives Plus</p>
	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES</b>	
Ms Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies noted.	
<b>2. PRESENTATION SHARED LIVES PLUS – FRANK JOHNSTON</b>	
Mr Johnston gave an update on the Shared Lives Plus scheme. He advised that the scheme was a positive way for people from all communities and groups to contribute to and receive care and support which matches their particular needs. Members deliver or coordinate services which are built around individuals, promote equality and value diversity. Services are cost effective and safe with consistently better outcomes than alternatives. Mr Johnston agreed to forward some case studies for sharing with this group. Ms	

	Walker thanked Mr Johnston on behalf of the group.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>  Minutes were signed off as an accurate reflection of the meeting.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  John's Campaign – it was agreed at the last meeting to invite Majella Magee Assistant Services Manager, Older People Mental Health to this meeting. Ms Magee is on long term sick leave and will hopefully be available to give an update on the campaign at the next meeting.  Referrals for Carers Assessments where cared for person is not known or not engaging with services - Ms Walker had agreed to take this to the next Social Work Leads meeting however this meeting was cancelled. She will take to next meeting for clarification and update this group.	D Walker
<b>5.</b>	<b>CARERS WHEEL</b>  The South Eastern Trust is piloting the Carers Wheel. The Carers Wheel uses a grading system to determine the type of support offered to the carers. At present eNISAT Version 4 has not been implemented in the Western Trust. Ms Walker agreed to send out the framework / evaluation when they have been completed and also a copy of the paper NISAT tool to compare. Carers representatives were supportive of this scheme and advised that this was a much more personalised provision to carers to ensure the person they care for has the best possible quality of life and make sure that their caring role does not take more than they have to give.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>OLDER PERSONS CARERS FORUMS</b>  It was advised Carers Forums in Directorates have largely been established. Primary Care and Older Peoples Services are in the process of commencing within their Directorate.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>RURAL CARERS GROUP</b>  Fionnuala McKinney had given an update on the Rural Care Pilot Project at the last meeting. Mr Reilly attended a workshop in Enniskillen on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 and gave an update to the group. He has been asked to do a piece of work on the roles and responsibilities re engaging volunteers. He agreed to keep this forum updated.	

8.	<p><b>CAROL SERVICES AND LAUNCH OF VOUCHERS</b></p> <p>Ms Walker acknowledged the turnout at the Carol Services in both Enniskillen and Derry. The work undertaken by the Carer Development Workers in devising the Carers Vouchers Scheme was acknowledged.</p>	
9.	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p>Analysis of the Carers Cash Grants for each team and sector to date was outlined. There is an overall remaining balance of £21,157.51. It was acknowledged that there is some improvement in teams utilising the Cash Grants Scheme however managers were requested to action spend before end of financial year.</p> <p>Physical Disability Carer Representative has now been recruited.</p>	
12.	<p><b>DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 11.00 am in Conference Room, Main Building, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh.</p>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deirdre Walker  
Asst Director Adult Safeguarding

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