

WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

**Notes of the Carers Steering Group meeting held
on 11th October 2017 commencing at 10.00 am in
Conference Room, Main Building, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital**

Present:	<p>Ms Deirdre Walker, Asst Director Social Care (Chair) Mrs Cathy Magowan, Carer Support Co-ordinator Ms Catherine Carlin, Head of Service Physical Disability (A) Mrs Geraldine McLaughlin, Carers Development Worker (NS) Mrs Susan McDermott, Head of Service (Supported Living & Social Work) Adult Mental Health Service Mr Alex Reilly, Carer Representative Mrs Mary Millar, Carer Representative Ms Dympna McNamee, Carer Representative Ms Louise Gilheaney, Carers Development Worker (SS)</p>	
Apologies:	<p>Mrs Rosaleen Harkin, Asst Director Learning Disability Mrs Ann McDuff, Asst Director Women's and Children's Mrs Kay Devine, Commissioning Support Manager, HSCB Mrs Mary Moore, Carer Representative Mrs Christine Ritchie, Carer Representative Ms Cathy Glass, Nursing Services Manager Trauma & Orthopaedics</p>	
In Attendance:	<p>Ms Fionnuala McKinney, Community Development</p>	
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1.	<p>WELCOME / APOLOGIES</p> <p>Ms Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies noted.</p>	
2.	<p>RURAL CARERS PILOT PROJECT – FIONNUALA MCKINNEY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Ms McKinney, Community Development, gave an update on the Rural Carers Pilot Project. The pilot site is in Rosslea in Co Fermanagh and the duration of the pilot is two years. Ms McKinney agreed to update this group again in February / March 2018. Ms Walker thanked Ms McKinney on behalf of the group.</p>	

3.	<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</p> <p>Minutes were signed off as an accurate reflection of the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Self Directed Support – There are 4 elements to SDS. The Managed Budgets element was due for roll out in September however there were issues re governance which have now been resolved and it is anticipated that the Managed Budgets element will be implemented in the next 3/4 weeks.</p> <p>Carers Support Spending Plan – It was emphasised that each locality should utilise the Carers Cash Grants so that the allocation is spent within the year.</p> <p>John’s Campaign – The Western Health and Social Care Trust has joined the national John’s campaign which supports the rights of carers to stay with patients with dementia in hospital and care homes. It was agreed to invite Majella Magee, Assistant Services Manager, Older Peoples Mental Health to the next meeting for an update.</p>	D Walker
5.	<p>CARERS STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>It was highlighted that each Programme of Care needs to regularly feedback to populate HSC Trust Self Audit – Implementation of the Carers Strategy. It was proposed that each POC provide an update at the beginning of these quarterly meetings.</p>	
6.	<p>REFERRALS FOR CARERS ASSESSMENTS WHERE CARED FOR PERSON IS NOT KNOWN OR NOT ENGAGING WITH SERVICES</p> <p>It was acknowledged that there is a need to have a clear point of contact within each Programme of Care as to who will follow up on cases where the cared for person is not known to or engaging with services as Carers are legally entitled to a Carers Assessment and it was agreed that it is still within the Key Worker’s remit as the Carer still needs support. Mental Health is a particular area where this difficulty keeps recurring. Ms Walker agreed to take this matter to the next Social Work Leads Meeting for more clarification.</p>	D Walker
7.	<p>CARERS RIGHTS DAY 2017</p> <p>The next Carers Rights Day will be on Friday 24th November 2017. The Carers Support Team are planning a social media campaign and as part of this they are running two awareness raising events in SWAH and MDEC details of which will be circulated shortly.</p>	

8.	<p>CARERS DISCOUNT VOUCHER SCHEME</p> <p>The Carers Support Team have approached businesses in the local community to agree one-off discounts for carers. The Carers Discount Voucher Scheme will be included in the Carers Newsletter in December. It was acknowledged that this was an innovative idea in recognising and valuing carers and is part of a larger initiative to build carer friendly communities.</p>	
9.	<p>NISAT VERSION 4 CARER SUPPORT TOOL</p> <p>Version 4 of the Carer Support Tool has been developed in conjunction with carers and Trusts and will support engagement with all carers, leading to a better understanding of their needs and an improvement in Support Planning outcomes. The electronic version of the tool is available now to use on the Liquid Logic system with work well underway for development on the PARIS system. WHSCT staff have been directed to remain using the paper version as an interim measure until the electronic version becomes available. Training has been put on hold until issues have been resolved. Ms Walker agreed to bring issues to the next Social Work Leads meeting</p>	D Walker
10.	<p>SCHEDULE OF MEETNG 2018</p> <p>The Schedule of meetings for 2018 has been drafted and will be circulated to members.</p>	
11.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Membership Carers Steering Group – recruitment of Carer representatives in both Childrens Disability and Physical Disability is ongoing.</p> <p>Mrs Magowan informed the group that new Carer Representative Michael Downes was interviewed by Linda McAuley for the On Your Behalf show BBC Radio Ulster at the Carers NI Summit.</p> <p>Shared Lives Plus – Shared Lives Plus offers an alternative approach for people who need support, where trained Shared Lives Carers share their own homes and family lives with adults after a careful matching process. This approach has a strong track record as a social care service going back many years and continues to grow in what is an increasingly challenging context. It was agreed to invite Frank Johnston from Shared Lives Plus to give an update on the scheme to this group.</p>	D Walker
12.	<p>DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>11th January 2018 at 10.00 am Conference Room, Main Building Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital</p>	

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Deirdre Walker
Asst Director Adult Safeguarding

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