

WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

**Notes of the Carers Steering Group meeting held
on 29th June 2015 commencing at 2.00 pm in
Conference Room, Oakhill / Meeting Room 1, MDEC**

Present:	<p>Ms Deirdre Walker, Asst Director Adult Safeguarding Mrs Laura Ritchie Carers Development Worker (SS) Mrs Rosaleen Harkin, Asst Director Learning Disability Mr Martin Quinn, A/Assistant Director Physical Disability Mrs Ann McDuff, Asst Director, Women's and Children's Ms Ann Begley, Carer Representative Mrs Mary Moore, Carer Representative Mr John McCosker, Head of Service Residential Care, Social Work Lead Adult Mental Health Ms Joanne Torrens, PCCC (A) Ms Tara Boyle, Carer Representative Mrs Patricia McGurk, Respite Co-ordinator</p>
Apologies:	<p>Mrs Cathy Magowan, Carer Support Co-ordinator Ms Sylvia Crawford, Locality Services Manager (A) Mrs Mary O'Neill, Carer Representative Ms Dympna McNamee, Carer Representative Mrs Mairead Coyle, Carer Representative</p>
	Action
1. WELCOME/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS	
Ms Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
Minutes were signed off as an accurate reflection of last meeting.	
3. MATTERS ARISING	
None.	
4. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
Ms Walker agreed to circulate the most up to date Terms of Reference for this group for review and comment.	D Walker

<p>5.</p>	<p>CARERS EVENT, FERMANAGH</p> <p>During Carers Week 2015 the Western Trust ran a Carers event in the Killyhelvin Hotel in Enniskillen to celebrate the caring role and to give carers the opportunity to have a break. It was advised that 94 carers attended. A similar event planned for the Northern Sector had to be postponed and this should be rescheduled to take place in September. Mrs Ritchie reported that it was encouraging to review the positive evaluations and advised that a number of new carers attended this event. Mrs Moore, Carer Representative, also advised that she has been a carer for 18 years. From her own experience she felt that carers do not take the opportunity of attending these events and do not understand the value of getting involved and availing of these services. She emphasised that it was important for carers to take care of themselves and prioritise their time off, caring can be a lonely profession.</p> <p>Two events in conjunction with Barnadoes for young carers also took place on 13th June at Creggan Country Park and 20th June at Todds Leap, Ballygawley.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT – UPDATE</p> <p>The launch of Self Directed Support has been postponed until end of September. It was agreed to invite Ms Louise Hunter, Implementation Officer for Self Directed Support to present at this forum.</p>	<p>D Walker</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>SETTING THE CONTEXT DAY</p> <p>It was agreed to set up a workshop the first week in October and Ms Walker agreed to draft an agenda to include Terms of Reference, Membership, Work Plan / Action Plan, Legislation, etc, which she will circulate to members for feedback. A confirmed date for this workshop will be circulated shortly.</p>	<p>D Walker</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>CARERS INFORMATION BOOKLET</p> <p>Mrs Ritchie is currently working on a Carers Information Booklet which is near completion. It was advised that Health Promotion are developing a Directory of Services for Carers within Learning Disability.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Independent Living Fund - On the 1st of July 2015 there will be a new organisation to manage the Independent Living Fund. It will no longer be managed by ILF UK but managed by a newly created organisation ILF Scotland. Mr Quinn advised that he has co-ordinated with the Department and</p>	

	ILF Scotland and has arranged for them to visit the Western Trust at the end of July.	
10.	DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING 4 th November 2015 at 10.00 am Conference Room, Oakhill House with video link to Capital Development Conference Room, MDEC.	

Signed: _____
Deirdre Walker
Asst Director Adult Safeguarding

Date: _____