



Carers' Voice Somerset Partnership Board

Working together to improve the lives of unpaid carers in Somerset

Date of meeting	12 th February 2019
Venue	Compton Dundon Village Hall
Chair	Neil Richards (Carer)
Minutes	Debbie Penny

Organisation/Agency	Membership	Attendance
Public Health	Jo Mc Donagh	Attending
Somerset County Council	Pip Cannons Heather Brumby Vicky Chipchase	Apologies Attending Attending
Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group	Lee Reed	Apologies
Somerset Carers Service	Caroline Harding	Attending
Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Carers Service	Caroline Mead	Apologies
Young Carers Service	David Willis	Attending
Somerset Parent Carer Forum	Richard Hobbs (Carer)	Attending
Somerset Learning Difficulties Partnership Board	Eelke Zoestbergen Jules Bellew	Apologies Apologies
Alzheimer's Society	Julie Woan	Apologies
Carers UK	Caroline Toll (F Carer)	Attending
Healthwatch	Bob Champion (Carer)	Apologies
Careline	Alice Knight	Apologies
Alzheimer's Society	Teresa Mason	Apologies
Somerset Care	Catherine Rogers	Apologies
Millbrook Surgery	Helen Little	Attending
Dementia Alliance Wellington	Brian Standring	Apologies
Dementia Alliance Lead	Margaret Tatham	Attending

Carer		Former Carer	
Greg Bowerman	Attending	Susan Hartnell Beavis	Attending
Neil Richards	Attending	Margaret Jarvis	Attending
Eileen Tipper	Apologies		
Lynne Ballard	Apologies		
John Moisson	Apologies		

Carers pre-meeting

The carers pre-meeting centred around the young carers service. Dave talked about his concerns.

Main Meeting

Presenting: Neil Richards, Chair

Discussion/Challenge:

Young Carers - DW presented his concerns and those of young carers and their carers regarding recent communications and events regarding Young Carers since September 2018. Concerns expressed: lack of engagement with parents, queries around an online survey and no consultation with the young carers team regarding correspondence to families.

RH explained other local authorities have internal assessment teams, but that the support service is external. This is what differs with ours where it has been one and the same.

Members recognised important facts and considerations such as – young carers needing consistency, time to build relationships and trust, appropriate support at this stage in their lives. Effective change management essential. Based on discussions this morning the Board believe communications between Somerset's Children's Service, Adults & Health Service and HR regarding this matter has been neither clear, consistent or timely.

VC – Responded to concerns expressed as follows: Adults & Health have been asked to carry out a preliminary one-off piece of investigative work only. We have been asked to look outside the commissioned young carers service at what could be offered by the community to enhance the current young carers service offer. We were asked by Children's Services to explore this because we have already developed a good model of community support within Adult Social Care (Community Connect) and due to our experience, they asked us to lead on that piece of work.

We have carried out engagement sessions with the community and voluntary sector and are currently pulling together our findings. We will be putting forward a full report with proposals and a recommendation to cabinet and children's services.

VC - Clarified that Adults & Health had not been asked to look at the existing young carers service provision. Whilst this work is undertaken, the young carers service will continue as is and the management of that service will remain with Children's Services, all matters relating specifically to the young carers services must be referred to Children's Services.

Action:

Vicky Chipchase

1.1 Voluntary & Community Sector Engagement Event – 25.2.19

1.2 Report to Cabinet – 8.7.19

Neil Richards

1.1 Write to Julian Wooster requesting responses to the following questions:

Who is responsible for commissioning the Young Carers Service?

Is there still an intention to make a saving?

What is the communication strategy between adults and children's services and can we have sight of it?

If there is an intention to undertake a re commissioning process of the children's services? Can we have sight of the project plan Including timescales and are there savings processes attached to the plan?

1.2 Request that Children's Service come and talk to the management team Carers' Voice Somerset Partnership Board.

Debbie

Help the Board to set up a Young Carers Action Committee – define purpose and proposed outcomes and actions.

Agenda Item 2: Somerset's Commitment to Carers REFRESH

Presenting: Vicky Chipchase & Debbie Penny

Discussion/Challenge:

Update from Vicky & Debbie:

We have pulled together all of the feedback from our carer engagement activities last year and have also looked at the new Governments Action Plan for Carers and various other strategic documents. After careful analysis of current trends, needs and wishes we have updated the themes and outcomes of the Commitment together with it's accompanying joint action plan (see appendix 1).

We will be presenting and discussing our REFRESH suggestions at the next Solution Focused Workshop and following on from that we have planned a timeline of activities to develop and re launch the Commitment in Spring 2020 (see appendix 2). We have also been granted a sum of £600 from ADASS for carers engagement and intend to use this for the launch event.

Action:

Board Members:

Look at REFRESH documents and agree or make suggestions for revisions at the next Board Meeting 14th May 2019. For further clarity please talk with Debbie.

Agenda Item 3: Dementia Day Services and Grant Funding

Presenting: Heather Brumby

Discussion/Challenge:

9 Somerset Partnership Day Centres are closed. These centres provided a service to 70 people and all have now been given alternative provisions.

Lessons learnt:

Transport is an issue and the improving how we support of self-funders.

How we work together with Social Workers, understand need and how we work together.

Dementia Community Grant:

We have allocated all money for this financial year. Reminiscence Learning in Wellington have enhanced their offer opening 5 days a week from April. Have new kitchen. Launch day May tc.

Other projects

Active Living Centre to work together with micro providers in Wellington.

Burnham on sea - exciting project - day time activities - looking at old SS&L centre. SHB could consider incorporating nursery facilities.

Looking at centre tomorrow - view building consider transport.

JMc - Active Living Centre in Burnham could link with them re transport etc.

Discussion around volunteer driving scheme example – Lawrence Centre.

CH – Informed us that there is a toolkit that can help people to set up car scheme.

Other work - Fit for My Future - Dementia Strategy linking into. Led by CCG, Art project in Taunton, Shepton Mallet interested micro providers project, Yeovil District Hospital also interested.

Action:

Debbie will be joining Heather at the next Wellington workshop, on behalf of the Board to talk further with the community about what and how they can access and develop support for people with Dementia in the community, on the 20th March

Future Meetings

Date	Day	Time	Venue
15 May	Wed	10.00am – 1.00pm	Cheddon Fitzpaine
2 July	Tue	10.00am – 1.00pm	Shapwick
26 Sept	Thu	10.00am – 1.00pm	Frome Hospital (Enos Way)