

Leeds Carers Partnership



Notes from the Leeds Carers Partnership Held on Monday 4th June 2018

People who attended the meeting

James Woodhead: Head of Commissioning (integration) LCC Adults & Health
Ian Brooke-Mawson: Commissioning Manager (Carers), LCC Adults & Health & NHS Leeds CCG's
Sylvia Shatwell: Manager, Willow Young Carers Service, Barnardos
Sally Morgan: Board Director, Healthwatch Leeds
Stephen Taylor: Service Delivery Manager, Leeds & York Partnership NHS Trust & Carers Leeds
Annie Dransfield: Carer
Val Hewison: Chief Executive, Carers Leeds
Tim Sanders: Commissioning Manager (Dementia), LCC Adults & Health & NHS Leeds CCG's
Krystina Kozłowska: Head of Patient Experience, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Joan Clarkson: Manager, Carers Assessment Team, LCC Adults & Health
Joanna Browning: Service Development Manager, Area Social Work, LCC Adults & Health
Tony Kelly: Service Development Manager, LCC Adults & Health
Emma Carter: Commissioning Manager (Enterprise), LCC Adults & Health

People who were unable to attend the meeting

Caroline Baria: Deputy Director: Integrated Commissioning, LCC Adults & Health & NHS Leeds CCG's
Alison Stewart: Practice Business Manager, Hillfoot Surgery, Pudsey
Alia Nessa: Carer
Simon Betts: External Relationships Manager, Department for Work & Pensions, Job Centre Plus
Jean Ellison: Youth Officer Lead, LCC Children & Families
Chloe Lycett: St Gemma's Hospice
David Livingstone: Commissioning Officer, LCC, Children & Families
Ruth Coffey: Carer
Hannah Howe: Director, Forum Central
Kate Smith: Head of Nursing, Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust
Sam Prince: Executive Director of Operations, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust
Martin Earnshaw: Commissioning Lead for Community Services & Continuing Care, NHS Leeds CCG's
Hannah Stafford: Area Social Work, LCC Adults & Health
Rachel Pilling: Business Development Manager, Mid-Yorkshire Relate

LCC: Leeds City Council

CCG: Clinical Commissioning Group

Notes of the meeting

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

James Woodhead chaired the meeting and welcomed members. Each member introduced themselves and apologies were noted as above.

2. Actions & matters arising from previous meeting

The previous notes were agreed as an accurate record.

All actions agreed at the previous meeting have been completed

3. Issues from Carer Representatives (Standing Item)

Sally Morgan gave an overview of the likely impact upon carers (particularly working carers) of new transport arrangements for children with disabilities which are to be introduced from September 2018. Sally also said she was concerned that there may have been a lack of engagement. It was noted that provided transport is not a statutory duty.

Action:

- James W to find out more about when and how the decision was made and to share this with partnership members

4. West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health & Care Partnership (Standing Item)

Ian Brooke-Mawson provided an update from the 'carers work-stream' of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership:

- All six local authority areas are contributing to the carers work-stream
- Ian is leading on the working carers priority
- Carers Leeds are one of seven voluntary sector organisations who will be invited to support the work-stream
- There will be an event (probably in September) about identifying and supporting carers in primary care. Alison Stewart will be invited to share the work from the Pudsey primary care practices.
- A second event will be held later in the year to look at supporting young carers with new technologies

Ian also informed partnership that the National Carers Action Plan is likely to be published in the next couple of weeks.

Action:

- Ian BM to send out the national action plan when it is released

5. Leeds Commitment to Carers (Standing Item)

Reports are to be presented to both the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive Board in June 2018 setting out the progress made by the Carers Partnership and Leeds City Council respectively.

A new action plan from Leeds City Council Civic Enterprise was approved by the partnership. We now have around 45-50 commitments that have been made by 15 different teams/organisations. The commitments tend to be focussed on:

- improving support for carers who are balancing work and care (working carers)
- improving the identification and recognition of carers
- providing carers with relevant information and signposting/referring carers to specialist information, advice and support
- training and supporting the workforce to be carer-aware
- supporting carers to access local resources

Val Hewison said that Carers Leeds have now recruited a Working Carers Coordinator who will be able to promote the Leeds Commitment to Carers to employers.

Action:

- Ian BM to contact partnership member organisations who have not submitted an action plan – Steve T suggested contacting Cathy Wolfenden at LYPFT

6. Asset Based Community Development – what does it mean for carers?

Emma Carter provided a presentation on Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) and shared some examples of how it is working in Leeds. Emma asked partnership members to complete two short exercises thinking about the local assets that exist in their own neighbourhoods and what gifts/strengths that we as individuals have that we could offer.

Isolation experienced by many carers was identified as a potential barrier and we agreed that we all needed to think about how ABCD approach can benefit carers and what we might need to do to ensure that work in Leeds includes identifying and supporting carers.

Action:

- All to share thoughts, concerns, ideas with Ian BM / Emma C (emma.carter@leeds.gov.uk)

7. Carers Week 2018

Carers Week is 11th to 17th June 2018 and this year's theme is supporting carers to be healthy and connected. Carers Leeds have events running each day including a Great Carers Get Together on Briggate on Saturday 16th June.

8. Update: Universal Credit

Simon Betts was unable to attend to provide an update but has sent a reminder to all partnership members about two Universal Credit awareness sessions on 19th and 20th June at Oxford Place.

Val Hewison informed partnership that Carers Leeds will have information about Universal Credit information available through Carers Week and that Carers Leeds staff are attending further training on Universal Credit.

9. A new carers strategy for Leeds

Ian Brooke-Mawson reminded partnership that a new Leeds Carers Strategy would be needed from 2019. Initial thoughts are:

- Strategy to be available online and to be interactive
- Strategy to be a Leeds Carers Partnership Strategy

We agreed to establish a Steering Group to oversee the development of a new strategy as we did to develop the Leeds Commitment to Carers.

Action:

- Ian BM to email everyone to find out who want to be involved in a steering group and to arrange an initial meeting

10. Updates from partners

Social Prescribing: people in Leeds are being asked what they think about social prescribing and what would they like to see in the service moving forward. There have not being many carers who have responded. More information about our engagement can be found at <https://www.leedscg.nhs.uk/get-involved/your-views/social-prescribing/> -

11. Date of next meeting

The next Carers Partnership meeting is due to take place on Thursday 13th September 2018

However, this may have to be re-scheduled. The partnership will be informed of any changed.