

Carers Reference Group

Friday 18th September 2015

Beeston Village Community Centre

Present at the meeting		Apologies
Becky Mitchell, Family Carer Lynn Bailey, Family Carer and Facilitator Maire Sykes, Family Carer Louise Mills, Leeds City Council Liz Davis, Family Carer Shirley Evison, Family Carer Madeleine Fahy, Through the Maze Suzanne Jackson Bailey, Family Carer Jackie Hartley, Family Carer		Maureen Lumb, Family Carer Yvonne Ugarte, Family Carer Kausar Iqbal, Family Carer
1.	Minutes of the meeting held 5th June 2015	
	Under apologies received, Becky Mitchell and Suzanne Jackson Bailey's names should be added. The minutes were approved.	
2.	Preparation for the Partnership Board meeting 29th September 2015	
	People with learning disabilities and family carers have told the Board that being safe is a key priority. The Board has invited professionals such as the Police, Fire Service and Safer Leeds, to the meeting along with other services who help people feel safe. At the meeting, there will be an opportunity for people with learning disabilities and family carers to ask questions and carers discussed what they would like to ask. The meeting agenda also includes an update about the Good Life Leaders Scheme. Ann Shuter has agreed to present this item and the following carers offered to help with this; Jackie, Suzanne and Liz Davis. Lynn advised the meeting that she can apply for a small pot of funding and use it to help promote the Safe Places Scheme. There was a discussion about how useful some of the personal safety training videos have been and whether more training could be provided.	
3.	Feedback from other meetings and events	
	The group talked about events the Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust are hosting; one is to look at reasonable adjustments.	
4.	Good Life Leaders update	
	The scheme is looking to expand the number of volunteers, in particular, the number of adults with learning disabilities. New family carers will also be very welcome. Application forms and information packs are being sent to various groups and Leep1 can help people with learning disabilities complete application forms. The closing date is 4th October. Everyone interested in being a volunteer will then be invited to an information day followed by a few training sessions.	
5.	Any other business	
	Pamper day – The meeting discussed having another pamper day on 6th November and Lynn agreed to contact Geeta, who hosted the last one. Update received 21 September:	

	the pamper day will take place on Friday 13th November 10.00am to 2.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend or requiring more information can contact Lynn directly. Travel costs will be reimbursed. Through the Maze – Louise has drafted an updated Carers Reference Group page for the website and wanted carers to check/amend the information but as the meeting ran out of time, this item will be added to the next meeting agenda.
6.	Dates of next meetings
	Carers Reference Group 20th November 2015 (Madeleine to minute the meeting in Louise's absence) 4th March 2016 3rd June 2016 Partnership Board 29th September 2015 8th December 2015 15th March 2016