

Carers Reference Group
Friday 3rd March 2017
Minutes of the meeting

Present at the meeting Lynn Bailey, Better Action for Families Louise Mills, Adult Social Care Maureen Lumb, Family Carer Madeleine Fahy, Through the Maze Suzanne Jackson Bailey, Family Carer Maire Sykes, Family Carer Shirley Evison, Family Carer Kausar Iqbal, Family Carer		Apologies Ann Seaton, Family Carer Liz Davis, Family Carer Jackie Hartley, Family Carer Becky Mitchell, Family Carer
1.	Welcome and introductions	Action
	Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting held 25th November 2016	
	The minutes were approved and will be added to Through the Maze website.	
3.	Learning Disability Partnership Board 14th March 2017	
	Norman is preparing the agenda for the next Being Well Partnership Board meeting. He attended the Peoples Parliament to obtain their views of health services and asked carers to do the same. Carers discussed a variety of health services and agreed to provide feedback to the Board. Here are the carer's key points; Dentist • Lack of consultation/information regarding possible dental service closures. Maire would like the contact for the department who makes the decisions regarding reducing dental services. • Carers personal experience – learning disabled daughter's tooth extracted without family carers consent/being informed (support worker in attendance). Daughter very upset afterwards. Clarity required on who has responsibility to make these decisions when people with learning disabilities do not understand what will happen. • Carers praised the Community dentist at Beeston Hill for their care and support of adults with learning disabilities.	

	Digital services – Carers discussed whether keeping personal health data on tablets/laptops could increase a person's vulnerability and create confidentiality issues. (See Ian Brooke Mawson's update for more information on Digital Resource for Carers) or look at the following link. https://www.carersuk.org/for-professionals/carersuk-products/digital-resource-for-carers Hospital stay – A carer had accompanied her son to hospital and was told she could go home because a member of staff had been appointed to stay with her son. Carers welcomed this approach. Women's health screening – some women with learning disabilities find some of the screening methods too uncomfortable/distressing and carers wondered if there were any alternative methods. In February, People in Action, Women's Health Matters and Connect in the North ran a 6 week training course called Feel Good Women's Health Group. More information is available on Through the Maze website. Family Doctors – Dr Bi and a family practice in Halton received praise for their support to patients with learning disabilities, especially around the accessible information. Accessible information – Your Health Matters have a range of easy read documents on their website, such as the Get Checked Out booklet.	
4.	Carer's priorities for future meetings	
	Carers talked about the 5 priorities agreed previously. Two new items were added; (1) support to access health care screening and services (2) what to do when actions listed in support plans do not happen.	
5.	Any other business and future events	
	- Ribby Hall 17th – 19th February 2017. Lynn provided a summary of the training weekend and agreed to forward the presentations/ resource links to Louise for wider circulation. Carers reported that the information was really helpful. Some of the future planning resources are also available to download for free from www.togethertomorrow.org.uk Anyone preferring paper copies can contact Louise Mills. - Carers Intensive Interaction training session - 10.00am –	LB LM

