

Carers Reference Group
Friday 1st September 2017
Carers Leeds - The Headrow Leeds

Present at the meeting	Apologies
Lynn Bailey, Family Carer and Facilitator Yvonne Ugarte, Family Carer Jackie Hartley, Family Carer Liz Davis, Family Carer Maureen Lumb, Family Carer Madeleine Fahy, Through The Maze Jonathan Hainsworth, St Anne's Shared Lives Carol Clark, Leeds City Council Shared Lives Ian Brooke-Mawson, Strategic Commissioning Manager, Leeds City Council	Suzanne Jackson Bailey, Family Carer Louise Mills, Adult Social Care Maire Sykes, Family Carer Becky Mitchell, Family Carer Shirley Evison, Family Carer Kausar Iqbal, Family Carer
1. Minutes of the meeting held 9th June 2016	
	Everyone agreed the minutes were accurate and correct. Fiona Martin will be attending the meeting on the 24th November with Matt Lindley.
2. Shared Lives Scheme	
Jonathan and Carol both gave an overview of The Shared Lives Scheme. St Anne's Shared Lives has been going for 25 years providing long term respite, which was formally known as Adult Placement. The aim of the service is for an adult with a learning disability to live in a supported environment and have the best life possible. There is also a shared cared option which could work over 4 days and have 3 days at home. The matches are made very carefully and a lot of work is undertaken so that everyone involved is included. This is done by using Pen Pictures. There isn't a time limit to getting the right match; it takes as long as it takes for the person to be happy and settled. It is available to adults aged 18 and over, there is a cost of currently £123.90 per week which can often be made up of current benefits. Conversations started about how these schemes can help Carers who possibly have to go into hospital as an emergency. They are always recruiting and looking for new Carers. Action: Jonathan and Carol agreed to send further literature to Louise for circulation to the group. Jonathan Hainsworth – Manager, St. Annes Shared Lives Jonathan.hainsworth@st-annes.org.uk 0113 2816967 Carol Clark Carol.clark@leeds.gov.uk 0113 3785410	
3. Carers Update	
Ian Brooke-Mawson explained that the Better Lives Strategy that Cath Roth has developed has Shared Lives within the strategy. Ian spoke about the Leeds Carers Strategic Implementation Partnership and agreed that the Carers Reference Group should go on the circulation list so that everyone knows	

	when the meetings are as there is an open invitation to all carers. The meetings are held every 2 months at the Civic Hall on a Thursday 11.30 – 1.30pm there is always a Carers representative slot on the agenda. The Leeds Carers Partnership was set up in Leeds as a commitment to Carers of Leeds. This was an outcome from a report from the Carers Act to see what changes need to be made. A self-audit has been developed which identifies good and weak points and from these, 3 action points are made. Leeds Teaching Hospitals, Leeds City Council Adult Social Care, St Gemma's and the Department of Work and Pensions have all signed up to the self-audit. All Leeds City Council departments have to do it, and the legal and HR department have already completed their audit. Carers UK are in partnership with Leeds and have signed up to a digital resource for Carers called Jointly which is a mobile and on line app that can make life better for Carers and their loved ones and help build a support network for Carers and their loved ones. 70% of Carers are of working age so there is a huge flexibility needed for employers to balance the need of the business and the employee. Ian spoke about a small pot of money set aside for Carers called a Carers Group Grant where Carers groups can apply for to go towards helping the group, this is only available if the Carers group is willing to take new members. Ian spoke about how reviews/consultations are taking place and emergency plans are to be put in place. Please note that ARC has now taken over from Housing 21. Action: Madeleine to email the minutes from the last Autism Partnership Board to Louise for circulation.
4.	Partnership Board
	Lynn explained that the next Partnership Board meeting will be different to the usual ones, not only will it be longer 10am – 2pm the Carers Reference Group will have chance to identify some new targets that are that are important to them. Here are some of the carers suggestions: 1. Safe Places to be more visible. 2. Better training for care staff and to make support more person centered so that it's relevant to the person they are caring for. 3. More training for transport workers including buses and taxis. 4. Coping strategies for carers.
5.	Any Other Business
	Lynn trying to look at dates in the February Half Term 2018 for Ribby Hall.
6.	Dates for Diary
	<i>Carers Pamper Day – 6th October</i> <i>Next Carers Reference Group - 24th November 2017</i> <i>Learning Disability Partnership Board 26th September 2017 10am – 2pm</i>