

Carers Reference Group
Friday 24th November 2017
Carers Leeds - The Headrow Leeds

Present at the meeting	Apologies
Lynn Bailey, Family Carer and Facilitator Jackie Hartley, Family Carer Liz Davis, Family Carer Maureen Lumb, Family Carer Madeleine Fahy, Through The Maze Suzanne Jackson Bailey, Family Carer Louise Mills, Adult Social Care Maire Sykes, Family Carer Shirley Evison, Family Carer Kausar Iqbal, Family Carer Matt Lindley, Adults and Health, LCC Sadie Dunne, Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust Tanya Woodhouse, Get Me Better Champion	Becky Mitchell, Family Carer Yvonne Ugarte, Family Carer Ian Brooke-Mawson, Leeds City Council
1.	Minutes of the meeting held 1st September 2017 and matters arising
	The minutes were agreed as accurate and correct. Matters arising - • Shared Lives Scheme - Louise had emailed the guest speakers regarding the information they agreed to share with the group. Louise to chase this up again. • Autism Partnership Board minutes and papers – these are available on the Leeds Autism Aim website. • Fiona Martin and Ian Brooke Mawson were unable to attend today's meeting but would like to do a joint session next year. Everyone at the meeting agreed that an additional meeting to cover this would be beneficial. Action: Lynn/Louise to look at dates in January or February.
2.	Partnership Board meeting 5th December and the Being Me Strategy refresh – Rachel Angarano
	The next Partnership Board meeting will focus on finalising the priorities and actions for the next strategy. Rachel has been asked to help draft the strategy and is currently seeking people's views. Rachel distributed individual feedback forms and explained the plan for the next strategy. The existing themes of Being Well, Being Safe and Being Connected will remain

	although Being Connected will be divided into three areas; employment, travel and friendships/fun. There were lengthy discussions which highlighted the varying range of needs and abilities of people with learning disabilities and their families. The frequency and quality of reviews (care needs/welfare benefits) was a key concern and carers felt they were vital to the future care provided by families. Matt Lindley provided a brief overview behind the requirements of providing care management reviews.
3.	Mental Capacity – Matt Lindley
	Carers had previously raised some MCA issues at the June Partnership Board meeting and Matt had been asked to attend a carers meeting to respond. Matt works as a Safeguarding and Risk Manager within Adults & Health. Matt explained some of the principles around MCA/decision making and the correct course of action for some of the scenarios raised. As there wasn't enough time to talk about all the issues, Matt agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss in more detail. It was agreed that Carers would first draft a list of scenarios, which would be sent to Matt in advance of the meeting. Actions: Carers to email Louise with scenarios. Meeting date to be agreed. Sadie Dunne talked about decision-making in hospitals and had also organised a presentation at the Health Task Group by the hospital MCA lead.
4.	Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust – Sadie Dunne
	Sadie brought leaflets and information to share with the group, many are attached or available from the following website: http://www.leedsth.nhs.uk/a-z-of-services/learning-disability/ • Hospital Passport – There are various forms; one for learning disabilities, autism and dementia. Sadie urged people to signpost people and organisations to this document • Hospital visits – a scheme enabling anxious patients to look around an outpatient department or theatre before their appointment • Staff uniform identifier chart • Leeds Teaching Hospitals Learning Disability and Autism Strategy 2017 – 2020 • LTH Carers Strategy – Sadie agreed to send a copy to Louise for circulation Sadie is retiring in December and Barbara Ball, Learning Disabilities/Autism Support nurse will be taking on some of her work 2 days a week, starting in January. In April 2018, Alison Conyers will start working full time.
5.	Any Other Business
	As the meeting had run out of time, the following papers were shared and items covered briefly. They will be discussed again at the next meeting.

	• Through the Maze Website – The Carers information page can now be extended. Louise circulated a draft article about the group and asked members to check it. • Leeds Carers Partnership – Papers for the next meeting on 30th November. This item will be added to all future meeting agendas. Further information is available on the following website. Click here. • Yorkshire and Humber Family Carer network – no one had any news to feedback. • Ribby Hall – Lynn to send Louise further information to share amongst the group
6.	Dates for Diary
	• Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board – Tuesday 4th December 2017 • Friday 8th December. Carers Group – Contact Lynn directly to confirm or cancel place. • Extra date in January/February to meet with Fiona Martin, Ian Brooke Mawson and Matt Lindley – to be confirmed. • 2nd March 2018 – Carers Reference Group meeting • 8th June 2018 – Carers Reference Group meeting