

Carers Reference Group Meeting at Beeston Community Centre

Coffee and a Chat

10th September 2021

In attendance :

Lynn Bailey, Madeleine Fahy, Jackie Hartley, Kausar Iqbal, Shirley Evison and Maire Sykes

Apologies :

Yvonne Urghurt, Maureen Lumb, Anne Seaton, Suzanne Jackson-Bailey

LB started the meeting and explained the rules about leaving the room, wearing a mask and hand sanitising. Generally keep a good social distance at all times. When you stand up please wear a mask, please use hand sanitiser before getting lunch.

As there wasn't an agenda, **LB** went around the room to see if anyone had anything specific to talk about or discuss.

Everyone looked over the notes from the last meeting and thanked Kausar for doing them.

MS – The very tragic news of Cawston Park Hospital. Everyone agreed that following the Winterbourne review poor care is still taking place. Things need to change.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-norfolk-58502993>

LB – Shared her worries about the fact that all day services were opening fully next week and mask wearing isn't mandatory. Everyone agreed they were worried if people tested positive for Covid-19 then a lot of people could become ill either with or without being double vaccinated.

MF reported that LYPFT are reporting that only a 1/3 of adults with learning disabilities had been vaccinated. LYPFT have arranged for walk in clinics in Leeds for people to attend, where there is a learning disability nurse who can make individual reasonable

adjustments where necessary. Details of the clinics are attached with these notes.

A large discussion took place about how important it is for Support Workers to have correct and relevant qualifications for their job. Everyone acknowledged that pay was the very important factor and support workers pay should follow a good pay structure. The worry about future cuts from the local Health Authority is a big concern to all Carers. There is a huge worry that the increases announced this week for National Insurance wouldn't be enough to cover the deficit within the local authority.

SE shared with the group the continuing problems with transport and that emails are the best way to keep a track on all correspondence for complaints etc so that you have a trail of correspondence rather than telephone calls. **KI** told the group about how the Access bus is running well.

LB invited the group to the BAFF AGM 5th October 2021. 10.30am – 12.30pm at Beeston Village Community Centre. Please let Lynn know if you would like to attend as it will be limited numbers so that it will be Covid compliant.

LB spoke about the next Partnership Board Meeting on the 12th October which will be on zoom. The Carers reference group have been allocated a 10 minute slot to talk about how they have kept meeting during the Pandemic albeit differently. **KI** agreed to talk on behalf of the group. Connect in the North are making a presentation to celebrate 20 years of the Partnership Board, the group agreed to send in photos of the Carers Reference Group over the years. **JH** to ask permission from family members if the photos can be shared.

Future Partnership Board Themes and Dates

Travel & Being Social 25/1/2022	Being Safe 5/7/2022
Employment 19/4/2022	Being Well 18/10/2022

Date of next Carers Reference group meeting – 8th October –
Beeston Village Community Centre – 10.30am – 12.30pm. **LB** will
confirm this date if the usual room is free.