

Carers Partnership Board

Hybrid Meeting held via Zoom and at Maple Centre Huntingdon Minutes 14.09.21

1 Present

KB	Karen Berkley	Commissioning Officer PCC/CCC
KC	Kadie Chapman	Independent Member - Vice Chair
SdP	Stuart de Prochnow	Independent Member
DD	Debbie Drew	Independent Member
HE	Helen Eaves	Centre 33
LG	Laura Green	CCC - Carers Support Team
LGr	Linda Green	Pinpoint
BH	Bernard Hart	Independent Member
GH	Graeme Hodgson	CCC - Commissioner
MK	Michelle King	Little Miracles
GL	Graham Lewis	Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
SM	Siobhan MacBean	CCC - Disability Social Care age 0-25
AM	Andy McGowan	Caring Together
JM	Jason Merrill	Family Voice
DP	Dennis Pinshon	Independent Member
CW	Carol Williams	Cambridgeshire County Council

Apologies

AB	Annie Bamforth	Independent Member
WD	Wendy Dunn	Alzheimer's Society
SH	Sue Honour	Independent Member - Chair
TJ	Teresa Jude	PCH - Carer Advisor
KL	Kelly Law	PCC - Information Team
TM	Tara Mackey	Commissioner PCC/CCC
JS	Joseph Simon	Independent Member

The meeting was recorded for the purpose of the minutes. GL also explained the 'Closed Captions'.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2021 were approved.

The Action Log was reviewed - Actions 128 is to look at issues such as eligibility criteria, reviews/reassessments, specialist resources and health versus social care. Item 137 is in progress; action 139 is completed.

3 Feedback from Independent Members

Carers had held a pre-meeting.

- AB Hearing of concerns about people having a bad discharge from Peterborough City Hospital. AB has been asked to get more information about when and which wards.
- KC Had found that the People Plus website didn't have up to date information about Covid-19. GL had fed this back to GH at CCC and this had been updated.
- KC Had struggled to find the PA register to recruit new PA's for her son. Cambridgeshire was located in the South East according to the People Plus website. Cambridgeshire is in the East of England/East Anglia region.
- SdP Pleased to report that the Carers Support Groups have now started to operate face to face sessions.
- DD Noted the Government had made announcements about how social care is to be funded in the future. This needs to be considered in relation to Direct Payments.

A question was asked about whether Carers would be receiving the Covid-19 booster vaccination. Nobody knew the answer to this, but it was noted that some Carers would be eligible due to age or own health conditions.

4 Feedback from other meetings and the Adult Social Care Forum

- GL As explained at the last CPB, the Adult Social Care Forum (ASCF) has developed priorities to look at during the coming year. These are Digital Inclusion/Exclusion, Transitions and embedding co-production into health and council activities. The ASCF has now developed an action plan to work to so that these are looked at.
- GL The Healthwatch Health and Care Forums have been looking at the new structure that will deliver the NHS. They have had presentations on the Integrated Care System (which brings together NHS, Public Health and Social Care) and will provide the strategic oversight for the area and commission services.

5 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- GL When merging the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Carers Partnership Boards, the Chair and Vice-Chair from Cambridgeshire kept their positions on the new Partnership Board, as the Peterborough Partnership Board had been chaired by a commissioner. A year ago, the CPB agreed to re-elect the current Chair and

Vice- Chair for 1 more year as the Partnership Board had not in-person but online. It is now time to start the process of electing a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Chair and Vice Chair, along with chairing this meeting, attend a meeting of all the Partnership Board Chair's and Vice-Chairs to identify areas of mutual interest and decide which Partnership Board will lead on that issue etc. The Chair also attends the Adult Social Care Forum to represent the Partnership Board.

DP This would also tie in with recruitment of Independent Members to the Partnership Board

ACTION: GL to circulate role description. Anybody who is interested to contact GL.

6 Update from All-Age Carers Service

AM As SdP noted earlier the Caring Together Carers Support Groups had restarted as in-person meetings.

Caring Together, with AG UK, were piloting a project called Sparko, which is a system of getting information online through the television.

Caring Together is working with parent carer organisations and the councils about needs assessments.

Caring Together's Young Carer activities have been taking place.

Carer training modules have been taken up by people.

Working with organisations to achieve the Carer Friendly Tick.

HE Centre 33 have held face-to-face activities over the summer and had received a lot of positive feedback from young carers.

Centre 33 are back in schools, although home visits are not happening just yet.

Centre 33 has launched training for professions on issues - such as what is a young carer?

Centre 33 is working with GP's and Primary Care Networks on identifying young carers.

LG Pinpoint have been running sessions on mental health/anxiety for parents who have worries now that schools have fully returned.

JM Family Voice had been hearing about problems with SEN transport which hasn't been properly sorted even though school has now restarted.

ACTION: SM and KB will feed this back to the relevant people in CCC and PCC

7 Update from Commissioner

KB Work is continuing on the commissioning of the Early Intervention and Prevention services.

GH Co-creation events are taking place in East Cambridgeshire re Health and Social Care in the East Cambridgeshire area, these events are to hear what type of help people are looking for and how it can be delivered. If successful this work will be developed throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. More information can be found here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults/connect-with-your-local-community/happy-at-home>

8 Survey of Adult Carers in England 2021-22

CW Gave a presentation about the Survey of Adult Carers. This survey has been delayed by a year due to the pandemic. The survey takes place throughout the country. It is only sent to a sample of carers on the local authority database. NHS Digital sets the algorithm that decides on who it is to be sent to. It will be sent out during October and November 2021.

Most questions are designed by NHS Digital, with a few questions designed by the local authority. The Carers Partnership Board helped decide which questions would be asked by both the local authorities.

The survey results are used by the councils to help improve services for carers.

The Department of Health and Social Care use the information to hear the views of carers on their caring role and their life outside of caring.

The data from the surveys will be submitted to NHS Digital by March 2022, the results will be published in summer 2022.

Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council will publish their reports on their websites.

AM It would be really good if a similar exercise could take place with parent carers and young carers.

ACTION: CW will take this back to the Councils.

DD It is a sample of carers, what is the response percentage?

- CW In 2018-19 the last time the survey was held, CCC posted out 1000 surveys and had a 56% response rate, PCC posted out 993 surveys and had a 46% response rate.
- JM Will the survey be accessible?
 CW The cover letter that goes with the survey has a paragraph that says people can request the survey in different languages or large print. They can also ask to complete the survey by telephone and details are given in the letter.
- DP People need to also put own comments in to add local data to the people who write the report. Who will write it?
 CW The local report will pull out local themes and be written by Data Analysis team and communications.

9 Priorities for 2021-22

It was agreed to postpone this item to the next meeting due to time pressures.

ACTION: GL to provide an update on the existing priorities

10 Any Other Business

- DD Has been looking at Power of Attorney in respect of her cared for. Has found that there are long delays at the Court of Protection.
- CW An ASCF priority is around Information/Advice and Digital Inclusion. A very short survey will be circulated to Partnership Board members soon.

Date of next meeting

Date: Tuesday 16th November
 Time: 11am to 1pm
 Venue: online

Dates for 2022 are on the agenda.

GL will be circulating a question to identify a time of day that works for everyone for in-person meetings. GL is aware of travel times/distances that can impact on people's abilities to attend.