


TITLE OF MEETING	Life Stages Carers' Network	
Date	1st September 2014	
Present	Lisa Holdsworth - Service Development Officer (Chair); George Cree – Carer; Elaine Abbott – Carer; Mary Brookbanks - Carer; Betty Bruce - Carer; Anne Wood – Carer	
Apologies	Catherine Bowman– Carer; Margaret Cree – Carer; Julie Hopkinson - Team Manager 26+	

Item No.	Item Heading	Comments	Actions	Lead	Timescale
1.	Minutes of the last meeting (2.5.14) and matters arising	<p>The meeting planned for 24th July was cancelled as LH was on bereavement leave.</p> <p>Vicki Pattinson continues to act as Head of Service – Adults and Julie Hopkinson continues to cover the Team Manager 26+ role.</p> <p>LH to check if JH invited Karen Read to attend the Life Stages Carers' Network meetings and to invite Clair Hall to attend as well.</p> <p>LH did ask Healthwatch to send out DLIN papers to carers who will be attending the Life Stages Carers' Network meetings but carers have not received any papers for today's meeting.</p> <p>No response has been received re the Care Management issues noted in the minutes. LH explained the review system which means that if someone's situation is stable, the only contact from care management staff will be at the annual review.</p> <p>LH to provide information re the DAD Carers' Support Service</p>	<p>LH to ask Healthwatch to send out Darlington Learning Impairment Network (DLIN) papers</p> <p>LH to follow up the issues raised with JH</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>	

		Carers Drop-in			
2.	Format for meetings	It was agreed that holding meetings immediately before the DLIN meeting was a good idea. However, more time is needed. It was agreed that the next meeting would be from 11.15 – 12.45.			
3,	Preparation for DLIN and SAF Action Plan	<p>We discussed the SAF Action Plan briefly (due to lack of time) and a number of comments were made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People have had positive experiences with Health Action Plans. • It was noted that Health Checks had increased but queried why was it still only 40%? • It was queried how the voice of people who can't express themselves can be heard? How can this group of people engage with the People's Parliament? • Two free carers should only be allowed in with people where this is necessary to meet their needs 			
4.	Any other business	GC advised that he had been able to obtain Life Assurance for his son (aged 50+) with no problems. If people would like more information about this, please contact GC.			
5.	Dates of next meeting	Monday 6th October – 11.15 – 12.45, Meeting Room, Dolphin Centre, followed by the DLIN from 1.00-3.00, Studio, Dolphin Centre.			