


TITLE OF MEETING	Life Stages Carers' Network	
Date	2nd May 2014	
Present	Lisa Holdsworth - Service Development Officer (Chair); George Cree – Carer; Elaine Abbott – Carer; Catherine Bowman– Carer; Steve Edmonds – Carer; Julie Hopkinson - Team Manager 26+	
Apologies	Mary Brookbanks - Carer; Nanette Thompson - Carer	

Item No.	Item Heading	Comments	Actions	Lead	Timescale
1.	Staffing Update	Group members were informed that Vicki Pattinson was currently acting as Head of Service – Adults and that Julie Hopkinson was covering the Team Manager 26+ role.			
2.	Discussion re the future of the Life Stages Carers' Network	<p>Following the last meeting on 6th March, which was only attended by 1 carer, LH sent out a letter and flyer inviting carers to attend today's meeting. 1 carer sent apologies and another said that she hoped to attend but was unable to do so.</p> <p>Those present discussed the future of the Group and agreed to start holding carers' meetings for 1 hour immediately prior to the Learning Impairment Network (DLIN) meetings, instead of continuing with separate meetings. Carers who attend the carers' pre-meeting can then stay for the DLIN meeting as well. The next DLIN meeting will be on 2nd June. However, neither CB nor EA are able to attend. We therefore agreed to hold the already planned Life Stages Carers' Network on 24th July.</p> <p>JH to invite Karen Reed to attend the carers' pre-meetings. LH to invite Clair Hall to attend the carers' pre-meetings</p>	<p>JH to ask Mark Humble to book the DLIN meeting room for 1 hour prior to the DLIN meeting.</p> <p>LH to ask Healthwatch to send out DLIN papers to carers who will be attending the meetings.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>JH LH</p>	

3.	Any other business	<p><u>Carers' Support Service Carers Drop-in</u> – it was suggested that carers of people with learning disabilities could be specifically invited to attend these meetings.</p> <p><u>Care Management Issues</u> – a number of issues were raised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no advance communication re change of Care Manager • New Care Managers should read the notes before they come out • Care Managers should be ringing up and asking how people are 			
5.	Dates of next meeting	<p>Thursday 24th July – 10.00 – 12.00, North Lodge Conference Room.</p> <p>Monday 1st September – 12.00 – 1.00, Studio, Dolphin Centre, followed by the DLIN from 1.00-3.00.</p>			