


TITLE OF MEETING	Life Stages Carers' Network	
Date	6th October 2014	
Present	Lisa Holdsworth - Service Development Officer (Chair); George Cree – Carer; Margaret Cree – Carer; Pat Miller – Carer; Elaine Abbott – Carer; Julie Hopkinson - Team Manager 26+ ; Clair Hall – DAD Carers Support Service; Melanie Kirk – DAD Carers Support Service	
Apologies	Catherine Bowman– Carer; Anne Wood – Carer; Mary Brookbanks - Carer; Betty Bruce – Carer	

Item No.	Item Heading	Comments	Actions	Lead	Timescale
1.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	<p>JH told group members that Karen Reed will be attending the meeting on 8th December but may be late.</p> <p>Carers confirmed that they had received papers for the DLIN sent out by Healthwatch.</p> <p><u>Care management issues</u> – JH told group members that they should receive 2-3 weeks notice to arrange a review. Contact would initially be by telephone, but if this was not possible, a letter would be sent instead.</p> <p>There is now a full team in place with most staff having been in post for 2-4 years. A new social worker (Laura Parkes) has been appointed and there is only one agency member of staff.</p> <p>GC flagged up delays in Direct Payments returns being sent to him.</p> <p><u>Health checks</u> – carers remain concerned about the low uptake of health checks and queried what happened in Supported Living? JH advised that the Health Action Plan should trigger the annual health check and that people should also have a</p>	<p>JH to forward LH the Life Stages process sheet to be circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>JH will follow this up.</p>	<p>JH, LH</p> <p>JH</p>	

		<p>hospital passport. MK requested a copy of the health check document.</p> <p>Access to podiatry remains an issue - JH suggested that this could be raised with Karen Reed</p> <p>JH to check whether there is a set of seated scales at Lakeside.</p>		JH	
2.	Preparation for DLIN	<p>See comments re health checks above.</p> <p>Carers also expressed concern about the declining number of professionals attending DLIN meetings and queried timescales for the Hub to open and what publicity there would be. It was agreed that we would suggest that someone from the Hub attend a DLIN meeting.</p>			
3.	Review of Terms of Reference	<p>Comments were received - LH to amend for the next meeting.</p> <p>JH to invite Ian Walker to attend the next meeting re the 0-25 age range.</p>			
4.	Autism	<p>Information was given regarding an information day for carers and families of people on the Autism spectrum about changes in adult social care on 10th November from 10.00 – 2.00 at the Dolphin Centre.</p>	<p>Group members asked for information about Personal Health Budgets.</p>		
4.	Any other business	<p>LH gave group members information about the Bellburn Community Allotment, off Brinkburn Road.</p> <p>CH told group members that she would be leaving her post and that MK would be attending meetings in her place at present.</p>			
5.	Date of next meeting	<p>Monday 8th December – 11.15 – 12.45, Meeting Room, Dolphin Centre, followed by the DLIN from 1.00-3.00, Studio, Dolphin Centre.</p>			

