

CARERS FORUM

21/1/08

11am

Bill McKenzie – chair
Daron Perkins
Alan
Karen Thornton – minutes

Hilary Hamflett, Joyce Boyoni, Joun Wills, Rose McKenzie, Marilyn Tilrosey, Jan Wood, Laura Timms, Justine Hall, Mary Bleke, Walter Gray, Elizabeth Sturtow, Penny Soley, Christine Law, Marie Hodge, Budget Patm, Rob Paton, Margaret Green, Dolores Okello, Stan Reeve, Pat Ready, Chris James, Dilpro Murphy, Gillian Webster

Speakers

Bill – updates on transport
Justine – day one conference
Pat – day two conference
Alan – contracts

Justine – carer's conference day one to involve speeches, Pat – day two about planning and housing.

Chris James – transport officer, spoke about the National Card Scheme that opens on 1/4/08. Criteria for application – letter from GP, authorised person, NHS mental health service etc.

Alan – Valuing people legislation with the individual central in planning. Activity plan to include weekends and evenings. Transport is key.

Modernisation agenda will take time to phase in due to council funding. Liaison to take place for Supporting People and help with housing. Direct payments can be used as a means for purchasing care so you enter a contract with the provider not the council.

Pat – A Charter for Person Centred Approaches. Pat to pilot a group in order to gain a clear picture. Auditing to start 10/08.

Issues rose regarding staffing, their training, wages, contracts, non-memberships of unions, induction and assessment.

Review of last carers meeting – no questions.

Next meeting 21/4/08 Agenda - Joe Makeland – Senior Practitioner to speak about safeguarding.
- Continuing Care