

Carers Strategy Implementation Group
29th April 2008
County Hall, Haverfordwest

Item	Discussion	Action/Lead
1.	<p>Present: David Halse (Chair), Phil Vickery, Beryl Thomas-Cleaver, Sally Davies, Beryl Noyce, Judith Edwards, Ann Berry, Tim Moss, Debra Kerrigan, Jane Slade, Deirdre Connell, Tracey Price, Jane Davies</p> <p>Apologies: Liz Blazey, Shirley David, Jean Watson, Joan Ward - announced her retirement</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes and Matters Arising - 17th December 2008</u> Minutes agreed, matters arising will be dealt with as agenda addressed.</p> <p>David Halse welcomed Sally Davies Back from her leave of absence and also wished her good bye & good luck for her new post. Nicole Van Schie will cover some hours until Sally's replacement is appointed. Meeting expressed thanks to Sally and that she would be greatly missed.</p> <p>Colin Cribb has retired; his replacement has been appointed and will be taking up the post in July.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Social Services Improvement Agency Funding</u> Tina Webb has had her contract extended for 3 months. Looking at inconsistencies in social work assessment and linking to carers assessments. Tina looking at Birmingham's matrix which seems to work well, social workers identify the respite is needed and 3rd person helps carers to find respite with direct payments & voucher schemes. Tina looking at projects that provide respite some of which receive funding from carers funding.</p> <p>Adult placement scheme has received no referrals from Pembrokeshire. - carers waiting and trained in Pembrokeshire (adult form of fostering). However, others find that access to the service is intermittent. Tina looking into harmonising of all agencies recording/monitoring.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Carers Funding / Mental Health Grant 2007/8</u> Beryl Thomas-Cleaver stated that the carers grant had been allocated for 3 years but payment for this year has not yet been received. Jane Davies stated that payments had not been forwarded due to monitoring and spend information for year 07/08 has to be received before payment for 08/09 can be released. Over the next 2 weeks all invoices received to date would be looked at and passed for payment if all information received. Organisations who have not provided all information will be contacted.</p> <p>Mental Health Grant allocation for Pembrokeshire has not been awarded to date. Application forms only sent to organisations that received funding last year.</p>	Jane Davies
5.	<p><u>Carers Strategy Action Plan - updates</u> Phill Vickery & Sally Davies pulled out actions and presented updates - report handed out at meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Carers Assessment Workers Report</u></p>	

	<p>Team now at full strength.</p> <p>Contingency planning for 10 most vulnerable within each team on-going of those seen not all had received a carer's assessment. Phill Vickery looking at setting up a family group conference to help families with multiple caring roles to work together & with other agencies. Also investigating a co-operative approach to caring, a group of carers get together and employ some of the carers under direct payments and others can then go out to work - pilot running successfully in North of England.</p> <p>Ongoing work with teams around methods of completing carer's assessments. Work within child care teams to enable them to see the caring role of young people and not see child protection particularly for those with mental health issues.</p> <p>David Halse requested written report for next meeting</p>	Phill Vickery
7.	<p><u>Carers Development Workers Report</u></p> <p>Report handed out at meeting</p>	
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Carers Road show PAVS would like volunteers to help with the information stand</p> <p>Carers handbook being updated at present</p> <p>Red Cross Scheme live at beginning of April. Leaflets and posters handed out at the meeting. Debra writing to all local GPs, Pharmacies & local press. Debra requested contacts within social care & housing teams to forward leaflets & posters. Scheme required continued funding; David Halse will ensure this is not lost as had previously been agreed with Colin Cribb.</p> <p>Meeting would like to send their best wishes to Liz Blazey wishing her a speedy recovery.</p> <p>Meeting also felt that a retirement card to Joan Ward</p> <p>Deirdre Connell expressed concern around the lack of transition plans for children turning 18. David Halse explained that currently a piece of work being undertaken to address this issue.</p> <p>Beryl Noyce asked for all information to be forwarded to Mike Davies, Havenhurst, Sandhust Road, Milford Haven</p> <p><u>Forthcoming events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mind raising awareness day at Picton Centre 12th May, 10 am ▪ Jane Slade - Age concern moving offices to 37 Merlins Hill on 19th May. ▪ Beryl Noyce - Alzheimer's concert at Torch Theatre 31st May ▪ Tim Moss - Clybiau Plant Cymru Child Care Fair 21st June in County Hall, Haverfordwest. If anyone interested in having a stand contact Lizzie on 01646 683819. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>Jane Davies</p> <p>David Halse</p> <p>David Halse</p> <p>David Halse</p>
9.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>11am Monday 14th July 2008, NWOD County Hall.</p>	