

Carers (Act) 2016 - Implementation Steering Group 6

10.00 – 13:00 Tuesday 13th March 2018

Grassmarket Community Project, 86 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh EH1 2QA

In Attendance

Lindsey Henderson	SG Carers Branch (Chair)
Gordon Dodds	SG Carers Branch
Peggy Winford	SG Carers Branch
Michael Mawdsley	SG Carers Branch
Julie Rintoul	SG Analytical Services
James Gamgee	SG Digital (Consultant)
Julie McKinney	SG Finance
Susan Brooks	Alliance Scotland
Rami Okasha	Care Inspectorate
Donald MacLeod	Carer
Simon Hodgson	Carers Scotland
Beth Hall	COSLA
Ann Cummings	Glasgow HSCP
David Beyt	NDCAN
Alison Jarvis	NHS Lothian
Theresa James	NHS 24
Jane Johnstone	SG Office of the Chief Social Worker
Kate Hogarth	Shared Care Scotland
Chris Creegan	SCLD
Peter McCulloch	Social Work Scotland
Frances Simpson	Support in Mind

Apologies

Don Williamson	Shared Care Scotland
Shiona Strachan	Clackmannanshire HSCP
Suzanne Munday	MECOPP

Action Note

Ref	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome, introductions and apologies	LH opened the meeting by welcoming attendees to the Grassmarket Community Project. Apologies were noted.	
2. Update on Regulations, Guidance and Carers Charter	<p>Regulations LH expanded upon these in more detail. The discussion focussed around the three year transition period, with particular focus on those who have had an assessment prior to commencement, but no support provided.</p> <p>Guidance LH thanked those in attendance for their work in the lead in to the guidance preparation. It was agreed to distribute the guidance early to the membership.</p> <p>Discussion focused around the Waiving of Charges guidance particularly. It was felt by some members that there was confusion and contradiction within the guidance. There was also a consensus that the examples used here could be clearer.</p> <p>It was agreed that a group would be set up to look at scope to supplement or improve this section of the guidance. This would be most likely be in May.</p> <p>Carers' charter LH outlined that the Carers' charter would be published along with guidance very soon.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute electronic copy of Statutory guidance to membership. • Set up group on waiving of charges.
3. Budget Update & Questions	<p>JMcK provided an update on the current budget in relation to the Carers Act, as this had not been agreed prior to the last ISG.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the inclusion of CIS funding within the £19 million.</p> <p>DMacL expressed concern at the current financial provision, with those sentiments being echoed by COSLA. Those concerns were noted and LH/JMcK agree to feed this back in to discussions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate the letter from Derek McKay concerning the Carers Act.
4. Carers Census Update & Questions	JR summarised the information that would be gathered as part of the Carers Census.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute the slides from

	<p>JG highlight how this data would be collected and he explained how they were sourcing this information from LAs, carers centres and HSCPs.</p> <p>JG also identified that consultation was on-going regarding the Carers Census, with a variety of events to take place in March.</p>	<p>James Gamgee's presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute James's contact details.
5. Communications Discussion	<p>PW summarised the on-going communications activity surrounding the Act and highlighted some possible ways of helping stakeholders communicate with their wider networks.</p> <p>This include local papers, social media activity various videos and animation as tools to help communicate wider messages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested that where possible SG and stakeholders continued to inform each other on communication activity.
6. Hospital Discharge Pilot Report	<p>GD led discussion around the Hospital Discharge Report. Readiness and wider awareness was highlighted, as was a perceived difficulty with different Information Technology Systems.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that there was a need to work within the context of delayed discharge and to discuss bereavement support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alison Jarvis agreed to contribute to the group. • The creation of a group to discuss the hospital discharge duty under the Act.
7. Discussion of the Group Remit Moving Forward	<p>Following discussion, there was agreement that it would be of benefit to continue the group, and to meet again in early summer to discuss the early impacts of the Act and related progress on the ground.</p>	
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting.	<p>It was agreed that the meeting would take place in early summer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting arranged for 14 May, 2018.