

## Carers Forum Minutes

**Date:** 16/04/25

**Chair:** Graham Collins

**Notetaker:** Christine Farina

<b>Area for Discussion</b>	<b>Issue(s)/Concerns raised</b>	<b>Action points</b>	<b>By when &amp; Whom</b>
<b>Introductions</b>	We had 8 Carers attending online. Carers were welcomed and introductions were made		
<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>	Putting Minutes on our website was discussed  Date has been set with TH for CQC inspection	GC is in conversation with the web designer to get an appropriate section added where the minutes will sit  We need to give them details of our services and support for unpaid carers, stats and case studies no details about the survey, yet CCTH will reach out to carers when we have more details. This is the first time CQC have included carers services in their inspection	GC hopefully April sometime  Newsletter or blog when we have details
<b>Discussions</b>	Carers Centre 25 year anniversary in June	Celebrations will kick off in Carers Week 9-12 June. Carers excited and had suggestions of involving passed carers. Maybe videos or photos of carers on how CC has helped and supported them in their caring role.	An Event in TH Town Hall to kick the week off 9 <sup>th</sup> June

		Carer asked about what Carers Week is it was explained it is a national event for all local providers to recognise and raise awareness of unpaid carers this year's theme 'Caring about Equality'	
<b>Carer Centre Feedback &amp; News</b>	CC launching on a quarterly basis Open Days	First Open day 7 <sup>th</sup> May 11-3 o'clock where carers can meet the team, have refreshments and some relaxation sessions. Carer asked if days could be alternated for other open days as some carers may have commitments on a particular day, this will be looked into.	7 <sup>th</sup> May at CC
<b>Matters Arising</b>	Carers are not seeing any info about CC at GP surgeries  Get info into special need Schools about CC	GC looking into getting details on digital display systems at doctors. Suggestion made that maybe CCTH could a drop-in session at GPs to look for Carers and how we can get people to recognise that they are carers  Carer mentioned that it can be daunting when your cared for becomes an adult it would be good that parents are made aware of CCTH, so they know who to contact when they reach 16	CC to look into  CC to look into this idea
<b>Carer Feedback &amp; Requests</b>	Carer requested bringing back massages  Carer enquired what the council are doing in way of co-production	Carer was informed that massages stopped due to lack of funding. Maybe CC can look into crowd funding or other forms of fund raising  GC confirmed that we have carers that sit on the Care Partnership board who give advice on Carer Services in the borough. Carers were also involved in our recent successful tender	GC to look into

<b>Any other Issues</b>	Carer asked if we were doing any VE day celebration	CCTH will look into getting this arranged with the Arts and Crafts group	Possible celebration 8th June
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**Date of next Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025**