

Carers Forum Minutes

Date: 16 July 2025

Chair: Tony Collins- Moore

Notetaker: Christine Farina

| Area for Discussion | Issue(s)/Concerns raised | Action points | By when & Whom |
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| Introductions | 5 Carers attended in person 2 Carers Attended online Sophie LBTH Food Strategy Group attended All carers were welcomed | | |
| Minutes from last Meeting | TCM went over minutes from last month | Minutes of Forum are now available on our website and a hardcopy is on our notice board. Photos of staff for noticeboard in front entrance is still being looked into Photos taken of carers sent to Carers Trust for campaign for respite and breaks for carers maybe on display at Westminster next week | TCM, DH |
| Presentation 1 | Sophie LBTH Food Strategy Group | Carers introduced themselves to Sophie. Food strategy is across many different teams in TH this is a 5-year Food Strategy will hopefully help teams take accountability within the borough. Topics discussed were Issues, Support, Gaps and Recommendations | LBTH ongoing |

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| | | Carers provided some great ideas that Sophie took note of and will report back to TH. | |
| Carer Centre Feedback & News | GC gave some updates on ongoing projects | <p>CQC have now made contact with LBTH and the inspection will begin Sept-Oct. They will be speaking to key partners CC being one of them GC and DH have a meeting with them next week to discuss what CC provides Carers in the borough. CQC are keen to hear from Carers about what support the counsel provides for carers. Carers were asked in the blog and newsletter if they would like to take part a list of over 20 names will be provided to the CQC this week. GC encourages carers to complete CC survey which can be found on the blog and newsletter, hard copies can be provided if requested.</p> <p>GC our website is growing and becoming more interactive. GC informed the carers that he will be leaving the centre at the end of August to take up a new position at Paddington Development Trust GC informed the carers that the board of Trustees have agreed that DH can take the role of CEO and GC is glad that the CC will be in good hands. The carers all thanked GC for his time at the centre</p> | GC |
| Matters Arising | Planned trips | <p>28th July Walking group will be taking the new super loop bus to Blackheath village</p> <p>21st August Trip to Tower of London to see poppy display</p> <p>Carers have shown interest in attending Frameless exhibition- this will need to be funded by the carer, but we could arrange a group to all go together if they wish.</p> | <p>Carers Champion</p> <p>TCM</p> |
| Carer Feedback & Requests | | Carer pointed out that more agencies and departments are asking for more up to date letters from DWP etc which means new letters are having to be requested adding to everyone's workload | |

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| | | <p>A carer attended Learning Disability Partners meeting, CC have advertised them on the blog. Carer to formally invited them to attend one of the forums so that carers can get to know what they do.</p> <p>Carer requested a list of CC Trustees; these can be found on CC website. TCM to look into interviewing the trustees individually and the interviews to be posted onto blog.</p> | TCM |
| Any other Issues | Change of date and update on Workshops | <p>Managing Change workshop run by Talking Therapies has had to change from July to 13th August</p> <p>A carer asked about safeguarding TCM says there are plans for him and DH to do a workshop around safeguarding</p> | TCM TCM |

Date of next Meeting: 20th August 2025