



With all of us in mind

CARERS Dialogue Group – North Kirklees

Notes of the meeting on Wednesday, 9th Oct 2013

Dewsbury Health Centre

Chair – Helen Parnell (Carers Support) **Notes** – Alex Feather

Present: Ian Heraty (Demist Project, Cloverleaf, Carers Count service) Clare Costello (Healthwatch Kirklees) **Apologies:** AB, JB

1. Introduction and welcomes.

It was decided due to the unexpected low attendance that we would postpone the agenda items to the January meeting.

3. Carers Count Service – Ian Heraty

Ian bought some information and leaflets for the new Carers Count service.

Carers Count has been set up to promote the wellbeing of carers so they can continue in their caring role and have a life of their own by:

- Providing quality advice and information
- Running groups, activities and sessions.
- Providing support and helping carers to support each other.
- Helping carers have a voice and be heard through the advocacy service and the Carers Network.
- Providing training
- Helping to raise awareness of carer's rights and issues to the wider public.

Contact: 0300 012 0231 or email info@carerscount.org.uk

4. Healthwatch Kirklees – Clare Costello

New health and social care watchdog. Contact details for Health Watch:

info@healthwatchkirklees.co.uk

01924 450379

5. Transformation of services

AF will provide poster and information to send to carers on the autumn events which feedback from the summers events and will gather more thoughts on future plans.

6. Welfare reform – update – Alex Feather

AF will report at the next meeting.

7. Next agenda items:

- Transformation of mental health services update
- The Carers Count service
- Healthwatch Kirklees
- Health trainers and carers courses
- Trust Membership and Involvement
- Carers stories – how to share
- Our commitment to carers

- Carers courses/health trainer service
- Others tbc

Next Meeting: 1.15pm - 3.45pm, Wednesday 8th Jan, 2014, in seminar rooms 1 &2, Dewsbury Health Centre. Please note we have changed the day (from a Tuesday to a Wednesday) and the venue, as requested by carers.

Other Dates for other meetings of this group in 2014:

1.15-3.45 pm Wednesday April 9th seminar rooms 1 & 2 Dewsbury health centre

1.15-3.45 pm Wednesday July 9th seminar rooms 1 & 2 Dewsbury health centre

1.15-3.45 pm Wednesday Oct 8th seminar rooms 1 & 2 Dewsbury health centre

For further information contact Alex on 01484 434634. *Please bring these notes with you to the next meeting to help us save paper and resources, thankyou.*