

Bexley Carers Partnership Meeting notes 26th September 2024

For sharing. Full minutes will be circulated to members also.

We discussed



Carers survey. We noted important feedback such as “over 83% are helping with paperwork and financial matters” and “56% had a health issue of their own.”

Carers Talking Therapy EOI was shared.

Use of Libraries: Ginny Hyland shared an update, including the possibilities of using the library for carers support, and the upcoming consultation.

The Action plan was shared, and we discussed the priorities and if there are other priorities to be included, eg: themes from the carers survey.

Next steps



The relevant findings are incorporated into the carers action plan, for example the themes re: mental wellbeing, training for carers (moving and handling), accessibility of information, form filling.

The brief, including how to respond, dates and available funding, will also be available via BVSC e-bulletin. Sign up at www.bvsc.co.uk

The Communications sub-group will discuss carers corners and library use and feedback at the next meeting. The consultation will be shared when available.

The action plan will be updated to reflect the discussion. It will also include leads, dates and impact. It will be circulated for comment.



Plus:

Suggestions for the next agenda include:

- Terms of Reference
- Direct Payments
- Update on action plan progress

The Communications and Engagement sub-group meets on the 17th October 13.00-14.00 in person, Venue TBC. Contact Vikki if interested.

Our next meeting date is 21st November 10.00-12.00 @ The Civic Centre, DA6 7AT

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Remember the Carers Partnership [website](#): lots of info on local support, services and resources including power of attorney, welfare benefits and carers rights.