

# ADASS CARERS E-BULLETIN No.1

## INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

### 1. DOCUMENTS FOR CIRCULATION

The following documents form part of this e-bulletin:

- Caring Conversations – Older Carers and Health
- Carer Support Pathway in End of Life Care – Executive Summary
- Carer Support Pathway in End of Life Care – Full Report
- Positive for Youth – a new approach to cross government policy for young people aged 13 to 19 [HM Government]

### 2. INFORMATION SHARING/UPDATES

**Debbie Hyde**-Contact: [deborah.hyde@bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.hyde@bournemouth.gov.uk) has provided a regional update on the south west group. She says: *The group membership is changing as statutory bodies merge and posts go. Representation from the third sector grows. Future functions identified are advisory, influential (CGG's, health and well-being) carers profile raising, linking to Standing Commission. Resource sharing will be needed if the group is to continue. View of the DoH South Director being sought.*

**Jackie Clare** – Contact: [j.clare@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:j.clare@richmond.gov.uk) has provided an update on an invitation to tender for carers services to be commissioned from 01.08.12. She says: *This will be for a single contract, but tenders can include consortium/partnership/sub-contracting arrangements. We are looking at a carer's hub model of support to cover information and advice, counselling and emotional support services, short breaks and social/leisure opportunities and learning and employment opportunities. Support to carers of adults with mental health issues is not included in this model.*

**Toni-Marie Smith** – Contact: [toni-marie.smith@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:toni-marie.smith@childrenssociety.org.uk)  
Has circulated an update on the dates and venues for forthcoming Prevention through Partnership Events as follows:

**27th March** – Stoke-on-Trent Capacity Building Event , Cobridge Community Centre, Burnsley Road, Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3DQ .Covering Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester Shropshire, Staffordshire, Telford and Wrekin and Stoke-on-Trent

**19th April** – York Capacity Building Event , Novotel, Fishergate, York, North Yorkshire YO10 4FD.Covering York, Hartlepool, Stockton-on-tees, Middlesborough, Redcar and Cleveland, North Yorkshire, Darlington, East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston upon Hull

**22nd May** – Hampshire Capacity Building Day, Popley Fields Community Centre, Carpenters Down, Popley, Basingstoke, RG24 9AE. Covering Hampshire, Woking, West Berkshire, Bracknell Forest, Reading, Windsor and Maidenhead, Slough, Southampton, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth.

**15th - 17th May** – Northumberland Capacity Building Day, covering Northumberland, Durham, Newcastle upon Tyne, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Tyneside, Sunderland and Cumbria

**7th / 8th June** - Medway Capacity Building Day (TBC)

**Anna Jackson** – Contact [ajackson@carersresource.org](mailto:ajackson@carersresource.org) advises that: *The Carers' Resource has developed a Carer Support Pathway for those caring for someone at the End of Life. This is based on a six month pilot project carried out in Bradford and has been designed to sit alongside and complement the National End of Life Care Pathway. The pathway and trial study have recently been featured in Primary Health Care magazine <http://primaryhealthcare.rcnpublishing.co.uk/archive/article-developing-an-end-of-life-care-support-pathway>* The summary and full reports are enclosed with this e-bulletin.

**Jane Weller** – lead NW – Contact [jane.weller@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:jane.weller@liverpool.gov.uk) has shared information about a conference '**Counting the cost: supporting carers, whole system approach**' held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in partnership with the Transition Alliance. Please click on link to access presentations <http://www.transitionalliance.co.uk/events/past-events-presentations/category/59-26-jan-nw-carers-conference-counting-the-cost>

Jane also advises they are currently reviewing work of the NW Carer Leads Network and how they do things. They also aim to undertake a NW wide survey of carers in April 2012 in respect of Carers Assessments to identify good practice and gaps.

### **3. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/PRACTICAL EXAMPLES**

**Val Mitchell** – Contact: [val.mitchell@bp-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:val.mitchell@bp-pct.nhs.uk) has asked for information on:

- *Good Practice when working with GPs and Hospitals*

**Sarah Douglas** - Contact: [sarah.douglas@durham.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.douglas@durham.gov.uk) has asked for information for Durham CC , NHS County Durham and Darlington, and Darlington Borough Council as follows:

- *We are looking to develop a local care card scheme so adult cares can benefit from local discounts and concessions. Examples of successful schemes would be useful and also any learning points/advice on how to approach this.*

**Jackie Clare** - Contact; [j.clare@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:j.clare@richmond.gov.uk) has asked for information on two areas. They are:

- *Personal budgets for carers – are there any authorities providing ongoing personal budgets for carers instead of one-off (direct) payments?*
- *We would be interested to know whether any local authority services and support is made available to carers following carer assessments where the responsibility for carer assessments has been outsourced from the local authority.*

**Elaine Edgar - Contact:** [Elaine.edgar@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Elaine.edgar@dh.gsi.gov.uk) is seeking information in connection with ministerial interest in having good examples of how individual carers who have benefited from PCT breaks monies in the current financial year. The Standing Commission on Carers to undertake some fact finding visits over the summer to see how PCTS and LAs are making progress on fulfilling the O/F requirements and wants to make an announcement about it. So examples could be used in a national press release. Elaine would welcome examples of :

- *Practical steps PCT clusters are taking to work with LAs to fulfil 2012/13 NHS Operating Framework requirements in respect of supporting carers.*
- *Individual case studies where a carer has benefited from PCT investment in supporting carers (either in terms of improved health or quality of life). Say about 100-120 words.*

**Anna Jackson – Contact:** [ajackson@carersresource.org](mailto:ajackson@carersresource.org) would like to hear from network members who are interested in the end of life pathway or who are working/considering working in this area.

**Jane Weller – Contact:** [Jane.weller@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.weller@liverpool.gov.uk) would welcome information in response to a query that has generated discussion across the north west network on the following:

*How do local authorities deal with assessment and provision of support to an unpaid carer when a service user (the cared for person) is in receipt of a direct payment and 'employs' the carer to be their personal assistant as they then become a paid care worker?*

## **BAME CARERS - A REMINDER – PRACTICAL EXAMPLES**

All network members have received an e-mail request for details of practical examples in support of an ADASS/Carers UK *Conversations* paper linked to *Half a Million Voices - improving support for BAME Carers* . We believe that a lot of good work is going on locally but really do need examples about action or projects relating to Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Carers. If there is a report we would welcome a PDF copy and the URL if there is one. We are particularly interested in policies, projects and practice linked to implementing the local recommendations contained in *Half a Million Voices* launched in 2011.

There is no fixed format at this stage. We can sort that out for you and the final text to be included within the *Conversations* paper or on the web page would be confirmed with you before posting along with any contact information.

It would be very helpful to have practical examples as soon as possible. Would you please send them to me here and copy them to [dalveer.kaur@carersuk.org](mailto:dalveer.kaur@carersuk.org)

It would be very much appreciated – Thank You.

## A SEMINAR INVITATION

### Hospital Discharge Seminar

**This seminar will explore how the hospital discharge experience and outcomes can be improved BAME carers and their families.**

**Sign up!** There are limited 25 seats available for the seminar.



**When:** 2:00 – 4:30pm 27 March 2012

**Where:** Carers UK , 20 Great Dover Street , London , SE1 4LX

**RSVP by:** Emailing [dalveer.kaur@carersuk.org](mailto:dalveer.kaur@carersuk.org) or by calling Dalveer Kaur on 0207 378 4936.

#### 4. THE JUNE ADASS CARERS E-BULLETIN

The current intention is to get out the next e-bulletin out in time for Carers Week in mid-June. Requests for content will go out in early May to allow time for regional leads to canvass material. Feedback on this bulletin would be welcome.

The content of all e-bulletins can be made freely available.

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