

## CARERS - FEBRUARY E-BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

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Dear Colleagues,

This E-Bulletin contains further information on the Draft Care and Support Bill, Personalisation, gives an outline of the agenda for the next Carers Policy Network Meeting on 20 May 2013 and confirms the ***Caring Conversations*** topic for 2013.

### **Parliamentary Scrutiny - Draft Care and Support Bill**

As promised in the main E-bulletin last month, we are circulating information on how to get hold of written submissions to the Joint Committee on the Draft Care and Support Bill. In line with the suggestion at the last meeting this is being done in the form of URLs. If for some reason it doesn't work, then let me know and I will send the relevant PDF. There is a lot of useful information here about the issues for carers within the draft bill.

The Joint Committee has received oral evidence from a range of organisations. Oral evidence from carers organisations and the Standing Commission on Carers was given on 16 January [it starts at p.40 by the way]

### **Young Carers and the Draft Care and Support Bill**

On 6 February the Standing Commission on Carers and the Carers Trust arranged a thematic day looking at issues relating to young carers arising from the draft Bill. This was a productive day. A record of the day is expected shortly and will be circulated. The URLs on the Draft Care and Support Bill include the Carers Trust submission on the draft Children and Families Bill. The oral evidence given on 16 January also highlights issues relating to young carers.

### **Personalisation**

I am also taking the opportunity to enclose a copy of *Improving Personal Budgets for Older People* published very recently by TLAP. There continues to be a need for good practical examples. The ADASS Older People's Policy Network are seeking information on this broad area and all DASS have received a letter about this.

We are expecting Bernadette Simpson's further paper on *Making it Real and Carers* in the next few weeks. It will form the topic for the afternoon workshop on 20 May 2013.

## **Policy Network Meeting 20th May 2013, Carers UK**

The agenda for this meeting is coming together now. It will be a full day with the usual start and finish times. The main items include:

- Department of Health Update and Challenge [Draft Care & Support Bill progression, SCOC fact finding visits &c]
- Outcome Based Accountability/SROI – presentation Tim Anfilogoff
- Afternoon Workshop – Carers and Making it Real /personalisation [Links to paper by CSC - Bernadette Simpson Consultant lead - paper currently in preparation with the Carers Trust

### **Carers and Stroke Survivors**

This will be the topic for the 2013 *Caring Conversations* Paper. Materials will be gathered together over the coming weeks. This topic would form the basis for the afternoon workshop on 18 November 2013. A couple of areas that have emerged are hospital discharge and training for carers of stroke survivors. Good practice examples on personalised care and support in this area are really needed. Information materials should be sent to me here: look forward to hearing from you.

### **January 2013 E-Bulletin**

Finally, please do respond to information requests outlined in the last bulletin. Sharing knowledge and experience can provide opportunities for colleagues to move forward further and faster on issues many of us will be facing at local level. Please do remember to share your experience whether things have gone well and may help others: sometimes it's the small things that can make the most difference.

All good wishes,

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