

# Minutes of Direct Payments Peers Support Group Meeting on July 6th

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**Apologies:** HBW

**Present:** MN (Co-Chair) DC (Co-Chair) ES, MM, VLM, SK, SW, YK, MT, SF, SS, SB, Joseph Healy (DASL) Sean Mc Govern (DASL) Ferisa Symister (DASL Volunteer)

**Introductions:** Denise and Marianne introduced themselves as the new Co-Chairs. Denise was also attending a Parents Forum meeting with Sharon Stockman and raising issues around the payment rates for PAs working with Children & Young People.

**Minutes of the June Meeting:** We are still waiting for Cllr Jackie Meldrum and Cllr Jane Pickard to get back to us regarding the DP Charter. Sean will also have a copy of the consultation document ready by the autumn. Co-Chairs are to chase up both cabinet members about this. Sean will inform the two cabinet members about the new Co-Chairs with their contact details. A question was raised about the backfill costs for courses.

**Events:** Denise said that Carers for Carers run complimentary therapy sessions on Fridays from 10am to 3pm at Brixton Recreation Centre. The Lambeth Country Show was also mentioned where there would be a variety of stalls from both the voluntary sector and the NHS about local services. Grow Well on the following Saturday at Larkhall Community Gardens was also mentioned.

**Hate Crime:** Cheryl Lewis, the newly appointed Disability Hate Crimes Officer at DASL introduced herself to the meeting. There were a number of firsthand accounts of bullying etc. People attending were very concerned about the treatment which their disabled children had received at various places including schools. Cheryl gave a presentation about the project which she was involved in. DASL were running training for the police and other professionals on dealing with hate crimes. It was very important that the police recorded incidents as hate crimes and for those complaining to ask the police to record the incident as a hate crime. Cheryl agreed to come back and give out materials that parents can take to the school regarding disability hate crimes.

**Terms of Reference:** The Terms of Reference for the Peer Support Group were presented and it was agreed that people would take them away and suggest any amendments.

**Future Business:** It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August but to start again in September. Agreed to invite someone from the Transitions Team to address the meeting in September or October (whichever meeting they could attend). Following a request from a DP service user, it was agreed to hold a special meeting on Personal Health Budgets in October or December. It was also agreed to hold another special meeting on Children &

Young People's Service in November, and to invite someone from CYPS who was dealing with payment issues.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on September 7<sup>th</sup>.