

Minutes of LARG Meeting Wed 11th March 2015

Present: Michael, Sharon, Edel, Seamus, Victor, Peter, Brian, Graham, Marina, Ann & Catherine

Apologies: Patricia

Minutes of previous minutes read

Overview of the Reassessments

The recent reassessment discussions which took place with some members of Willowbank were discussed.

Ann explained that this is a Trust process which is looking at the need of people for Care support – this will be about the Trusts assessment of need for Day Care.

Where people are having reviews with their social workers you have a right to see support either legal support via Adrian Glackin, STEP, Advocacy support via Suzanne McStravick or speak to your Elected Representatives if you have concerns about any cuts to services.

Overview of need

High Need where people coming to Willowbank have care/support needs and we are being told that this is likely to result in you still being assessed as eligible for a Day Care service and transport to/from home and Willowbank.

Medium Need where you need some level of support (not care) but you MAY no longer get your transport provided by Trust to/from home and Willowbank.

Low Need where the Trust assess that your level of independence is such that you are no longer in need of a referral for Day Care support from the Trust.

Ann stressed that Willowbank are looking at offering Day Opportunities and just because someone is no longer being referred to Willowbank by the Trust does not mean that they cannot attend courses or take up a volunteering or day opportunity in the centre if they wish to do so.

An information event with family and carers has been discussed where the Trust could come to meet with members and their families to discuss the changes and what this will actually mean for them.

Next meeting Wednesday 11th March at 1.30pm