



## **DPUF Meeting: 1 PM, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024**

Minutes of meeting held at Winkfield Resource Centre

### **Attendees:**

Thomas K (TK), Victoria D (VD), Pam J (PJ), Isha Turay (IT), Matilda A (MA), Sarah A (SA), Gullu K (GK), Orkun S (OS) Osma D (OD), Buki A (BA), Mennassie Y (MY) Dionne E (DE), Greig C (GC).

### **Minutes:**

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

- GC welcomed members to the meeting.
- GC explained the function of DPUF and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
- Minutes of the Aug 2024 meeting were reviewed.

#### **Presentation on Insurance**

DE, the Team Manager of the East Locality (Front Door) Adult Assessment Team at Haringey Council, was our special speaker at the event. She provided valuable insights and expertise on the review processes that are conducted. DE mentioned that the East Locality (Front Door) Team is responsible for providing initial assessments and support for adults in need of care and assistance within the community. Their primary role is to act as the first point of contact (hence "Front Door") for individuals seeking adult social care services.

## Discussion

- SA and MA asked for clarification on how to request a review to increase their weekly budget for care needs.  
DE explained that they need to contact the relevant locality teams within the council to initiate the review process. GC will assist SA and Matilda in submitting these review requests.
- BA wanted to know the difference between NHS Community Health Care and Adult Social Care?  
DE clarified that Council-funded social care and NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) are two different types of care support in the UK. Council-funded social care is provided by local authorities and is typically means-tested, meaning that individuals may have to contribute to the cost of their care based on their income and savings. This type of care generally covers assistance with daily living activities, such as personal care, meal preparation, and support in maintaining independence. In contrast, NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) is fully funded by the NHS and is available to individuals with complex, ongoing healthcare needs that arise due to a medical condition. CHC is not means-tested, and eligibility is determined through a comprehensive assessment of a person's health and care needs. While council-funded care focuses more on social needs, CHC is based purely on medical needs.
- DP members have been informally informed that the approved hours in her Support Plan might be reduced if a request for a review of additional support in her Direct Payments package is submitted.  
DE clarified that the council follows a specific process for conducting these reviews. It's essential for the DP holder to ensure that the Support Plan is well-prepared and reflects the current health and social needs, so the Panel can make an informed decision.  
GC then noted that this information is unofficial, but it should be communicated to the Direct Payments Team at the Council.

**Action Items:** Action points emerged from the discussion regarding BA's personal circumstances. DE will review the situation and follow up with BA.

### **Announcement of Next Meeting**

- GC thanked the members for attending.
- Next meeting: 1:00 PM Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024.

### **Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned by GC
  - Refreshments and Networking
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