



DPUF Meeting: 1 PM, Tuesday 26th Nov 2024

Minutes of meeting held at Winkfield Resource Centre

Attendees: 30

Altan W (AW), Cynthia R (CR), Grazyna R (GR), Numukyala H (NH), Lourdes K (LK), Stephenie E (SE), Osman D (OD), Georlyn W (GW), Victoria W (GW), Jacky A (JA), Buki A (BA), Magreen E (ME), Priti N (PN), Simmi R (SR), Jevion R (JR), Matilda A (MA), Raphael P (RP), Margi (M), Thomas K (TK), Sarah A (SA), Gullu K (GK), Mennassie Y (MY), Zeynep O (ZO), Sesen O (SO), Patricia (P), Ben C (BC) Phil S (PS), Hughphazine S (HS), Lydia S (LS), Greig C (GC)

Minutes:

Welcome and Introduction

- SO welcomed members to the meeting.
- Minutes of the Oct 2024 meeting were reviewed.
- LS welcomed BC from Skills for Care and requested BC to address the group.

Discussion

- BC shared a presentation outlining the support that Skill for Care provides to individual employers and those who assist them. Skill for Care offers a range of resources and information for individual employers, personal assistants (PAs), and the organisations that support both. These resources are designed to help individuals who employ their own care, as well as to support PAs in their roles and the organisations that work with both individual employers and PAs.

- PS wanted to know when the Information Flyer will be available from Skills for Care so that we can share it with DP holders. BC clarified that Skills for Care is currently working on the flyer, and it will be shared with DAH for necessary circulation. BC also mentioned that the presentation, along with the contact details, will be shared for distribution to all members of the forum.
- LK shared her Direct Payment (DP) experience with the group, which was truly inspiring. She highlighted the critical importance of training for Personal Assistants (PAs) and emphasised the need for robust safeguarding practices.
- The group discussed their interest in deepening their knowledge of Safeguarding and Dementia. They agreed that these two areas would be valuable topics for future DPUF meetings to enhance understanding and better support for individuals and PAs.

Action Items:

- Share the Skill for Care presentation with the group, including key resources and information for individual employers, personal assistants (PAs), and supporting organisations. The presentation is attached along with the minutes as discussed.
- Identify potential speakers to address the group on the topics of Safeguarding and Dementia in future meetings.

Announcement of Next Meeting

- GC thanked the members for attending.
- Next meeting: 1:00 PM Tuesday, 28th Jan 2024.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned by GC
 - Refreshments and Networking
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