

Freemantle Consultation Meeting
9 October 2014

PRESENT

Carers and parents
Carers in Southampton
Mrs Morse Parent
Ricky Rossiter Acting Service Manager
Helen Woodland Interim Head of Adult Services
Councillor Shields
Alison Gilroy Operations Manager

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1.	<u>Introductions</u>	
2.	<p><u>Discussion, questions / answers and comments</u></p> <p>Question: Do you think there will be a day centre left? Helen Woodland - answer: The elective members need all the options, ie smaller closures.</p> <p>Question: Have Carers in Southampton been attending co-production? Carers in Southampton - answer: Yes, we are representing.</p> <p>Question: Carers in Southampton have been going since September, have you been able to deliver one to one support for carer's feedback. Helen Woodland - answer: Yes, all link workers are now in place and we would be happy to support this.</p> <p>Question: Why is money being spent on art, but not on elderly and LD? Councillor Shields - answer: The money comes from different pots and my personal view is there is not enough money in the pot right now for care. To get more money for this, the only option would be to raise council tax above 2%, but this means we would have to have a referendum.</p> <p>Councillor Shields discussed the protected pots of money.</p>	

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	<p>Comments: What are we fighting for at the moment? Alan Whitehead said that everyone should be having direct payments. Helen Woodland – reply: said ‘this is not accurate’.</p> <p>Comment: The biggest change is about direct payments. Helen Woodland – reply: No, you don’t have to take a direct payment.</p> <p>The government is very keen that direct payments are taken up.</p> <p>If you’re a carer, then you have enough to do already, so the city needs to get better.</p> <p>Case Study – Gillian, Baljinder and Lyndsey. What else do we need?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative people to help manage the budgets. • There is a need to inform the care managers and help them manage direct payments for people. <p>Comment: Catherine Clark – loves attending the services. Reply: Explained the situation.</p> <p>Question: Is the centre closing? Answer: We can’t answer that, but we need to try and protect the services.</p> <p>Comment: My daughter has no speech, but I am very happy that she is happy and safe here. Helen Woodland - answer: I don’t own the buildings, so there are options there. Being a community centre gives you this option.</p> <p>Discussion around age spectrum and the different needs. So need to look at options for all age ranges.</p> <p>Alison Gilroy - comment: It is about people offering natural support to their peers. It is also about giving people the ability to say ‘this is what I want to do’.</p> <p>Mrs Morse - comment: It is about the options that this service gives my daughter.</p>	

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	<p>Our families and service users are happy here and it will cause more stress for me.</p> <p>Carers group is important because of the Care Act, this defines the rights of carers. In the past SCC should have been offering carers an assessment.</p> <p>When the Care Act comes into force, carers will be entitled to a direct payment for themselves.</p> <p>Co-production has been really good for information sessions and it helps to also reduce the isolation.</p> <p>Carers lunch happening at Carers of Southampton, and it will be in November.</p> <p>Question: Councillor Shields asked if Carers in Southampton will run sessions to help people to use computers.</p> <p>Answer: We have resources in the city we don't use, for example Time Banks. Carers in Southampton want to be a sign posting service.</p> <p>Question: In December it goes to Cabinet, will it happen then?</p> <p>Answer: On the 9th December it will go to cabinet.</p> <p>Question: Do you take into account the performance of each centre?</p> <p>Answer: We need to give the members all the information, which includes geographical usage.</p> <p>It is very difficult to compare our services to each other because of the difference of the services.</p> <p>Councillor Shields asked if we will make links with other organisations to help develop the employment options.</p> <p>'I have one hundred percent confidence in the way the centre is managed and run.'</p> <p>'Trust.'</p>	
	<p>Administration notes Owner of these minutes Ricky Rossiter.</p>	