

## Notes Of Last Meeting

Everybody agreed that they had received the notes from the last meeting and that they were accurate.

### Matters Arising

These were deferred to the agendered items.

### Secretary's Report

To continue with raising the profile of the UKHCA and our local forum, Carol has been working with national UKHCA and they were very enthusiastic about us having an 'awareness' stand at any forthcoming events in Lancashire. They had sent the necessary literature and information packs to equip the stand.

A discussion was held on volunteers needed and the possibility of buying an identifying banner for the forthcoming LCA/LCC event which was proposed to be our first event to attend. It was agreed that this idea would be for the future as there was not enough time to arrange this for the LCA/LCC event on 23/3/09.

### Report From LWDP Board Member

Carol Smith reported that it was early days for the new chair of the board but quite a lot of restructuring within LWDP was happening. New roles and new people were being recruited. The new LWDP website was available and this included a 'who's who' link. Carol checked that everybody knew about the funding arrangements. To ensure you get the funding, completed training must be in by 31/3/09. If this deadline cannot be met, funding applications must be cancelled and a new application, together with other training needs, can be made from 1/4/09. Carol welcomed any feedback regarding any problems and or suggestions that companies have regarding Lancashire Plan. Please email Carol direct to [care@prioryhomecare.co.uk](mailto:care@prioryhomecare.co.uk) and she will address these with LWDP.

### Feedback from Skills For Care

Jan reported that there were no changes to report at present.

### Feedback from SCP

Meeting held on 27/1/09 - official notes are published on both the LCC and LCA websites.

Providers have been asked by social services to provide feed back to contracts department or via the UKHCA reps and incidents where a service is commissioned through e-commissioning without giving sufficient and adequate information about the service users that potentially put care workers or the service user a risk. The "new types of worker" project is almost finished at the training package designed for care workers will be available soon through the LWDP. Existing PP's will be pass ported through the selection process for the new PP list unless there are any quality issues. Stage 2 of the LD applications will be available soon through intend. There will be a domiciliary event in June run by the LA, LCA and UKHCA, subjects likely to be on the agenda are safeguarding adults and personalisation.

### Surgery Time

Jan Jacob (Watch Homecare umbrella organisation for CRB) had been working on the changes with CRBs and the proposed ISA which is due to start in autumn of this year and will be able to provide feedback at our next meeting.

The proposed new fee rates from Social Services were discussed. It was confirmed that these would soon be confirmed on the LCC website and that if companies had not signed up to Social Services' Dignity In Care Charter, they would be on a reduced rate.

A discussion was held on introducing loyalty cards to UKHCA members.

Enquiries are being made with the relevant organisations.

Meeting closed - next meeting Tuesday 12 May 2009 at 13:00 - Priory Homecare office.