



Carers And Parents of adults with learning disabilities in Enfield

CAPE NEWS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2020

I hope all CAPE members and their families are doing as well as they can, in these ever-changing circumstances. We are now at a very worrying stage, with everyone concerned about the possibility of a 'second wave' of the virus. Nevertheless, many 'normal' activities have resumed, and hopefully we shall be able to continue with these. CAPE members have continued to meet with Enfield officers and still attend various 'remote' meetings, such as the Focus Group, the Health Sub Group, and the L.D. Partnership Board, and the Charging Reference Group. We are still unable to plan our return to normal CAPE meetings, but Park Avenue is starting to open up in a very limited fashion, so possibly we may be able to make some progress in re-starting meetings before too long.

Local Covid19 Swab Antigen Testing

The Covid19 Swab testing is still available, even for those who do not have symptoms, and we are grateful to Enfield for providing these. They are available on Mondays at Park Avenue Disability Resource Centre. If you, your D.P. staff, or the person you care for would like a test, even if you have already had one, please ring Rosemary Mann, on 020 8360 1195 or email her at Rosemary.Mann@enfield.gov.uk . Please take advantage of this important facility, the test only takes a few seconds.

Day Services.

Day services are now starting up in a very limited fashion, to a small numbers of service users who have been assessed as being the highest priority. Service users have been allocated to one of three priority levels – red, amber and green. This is referred to as RAG-rating. Those living at home with their families will probably be in the red group, which is the highest priority to return to their day services. CAPE committee members have been monitoring this re-start process, requesting regular feedback from ILDS managers. The timescales are unclear, so many families will still not know when day services will be resumed for their family members. Please check with your day service provider, as they will be able to give you more information. There is a strict requirement for all service users who attend a day service, to have weekly Covid19 Swab tests, and day service staff will also require weekly testing. Staff at day services are being trained to carry out this testing. The level of testing may be reduced in the future, but currently there are no plans for that.

Integrated Learning Disabilities Service - Q&A Meeting, 02/10/2020.

Another Carers' Q&A meeting took place at Park Avenue Disability Resource Centre between ILDS (Integrated Learning Disabilities Service) managers, Finance and NCLCCG Managers, and the CAPE Committee (Wally Walawalkar, Jane Richards, Bernadette Reigar and myself). I have attached the questions and answers from the meeting on 02/10/2020, with this newsletter. Our questions covered a wide range of topics, so please read them and the responses provided by the various managers.

Charging Issues.

Please remember that if you are having any issues around your charging assessment, you should ring 020 8379 8177 and query them. Make sure that you ask them to send you a breakdown of how your charge has been calculated, and please claim all your DRE. If you are still unhappy, you could phone the Duty Desk at ILDS (020 8379 5075), or obtain independent financial advice by phoning Enfield Connections on 020 3960 0129, Mon to Fri, 10.00 to 15.00. Enfield Connections provides information and advice about a wide variety of issues, and they are now able to hold face to face sessions at some local libraries. Please call them to find out about their new service.

Staff Changes In the Local Authority.

There have been a number of significant changes in ILDS, and the transfer of all IWE (Independence & Wellbeing Enfield) services back to Enfield Council has meant that many old friends will no longer be around. We shall all miss Sarah Carney, who spoke to us at our last CAPE meeting, but we have also lost Caroline Mayger and Marc Gadsby. All the ex-IWE day services will now come under ILDS, with Trevor Uys heading this up. Charlene Thomas will now take a more senior role in the Care Management team. There will be other key changes over the coming months, and we shall keep you informed about these.

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