



Carers And Parents of adults with learning disabilities in Enfield

CAPE NEWS – JULY 2020

I hope all CAPE members and their families are continuing to cope under these difficult circumstances. We know that many of the lockdown rules have eased, but I still think that a lot of us are uneasy about going out and about. Services for adults with learning disabilities have not yet returned to normal, and an overnight respite break is a distant dream for many carers.

Local Covid19 Swab Antigen Testing

In June, we informed carers about the Covid19 testing available locally for all L.D. carers and service users, even those who do not have symptoms. Enfield provided these tests initially for 2 weeks, from 22/06/2020, but they have now been re-instated on Mondays and Wednesdays at Park Avenue 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, it only takes a few seconds and you get the results very swiftly.

Day Services.

We are still unclear as to when day centres will re-open. Enfield's Commissioning service have appointed an officer to oversee this process, and she will be progressing this as rapidly as possible. We shall be raising this issue as a matter of urgency when we have our next Q&A meeting with the ILDS managers on July 31st.

Integrated Learning Disabilities Service - Q&A Meeting, 31/07/2020.

This meeting will take place (in person!) between ILDS managers and the CAPE Committee (Wally Walawalkar, Jane Richards, Bernadette Reigar and myself). You will have already received a request for any questions which you may wish us to ask, and these will be sent to the managers before the meeting. We shall send out the answers to CAPE members, after the meeting.

Charging Issues.

We are not aware that any charging letters have been sent out, as yet. Hopefully this will happen soon, and that everyone will receive a breakdown for how any charge has been calculated, along with a DRE factsheet and claim form.

CAPE Annual General Meeting.

It is more than a year since CAPE became a formally constituted organisation. According to our constitution, we needed to invite all CAPE members to our A.G.M. Under the lockdown rules, this was just not possible, so the Management Committee agreed that in these exceptional times, we would hold an extraordinary A.G.M. with only the existing Management Committee participating. The meeting took place on 22/07/2020, with an agenda, reports and officers' re-elections. The existing Management Committee agreed to continue in their current roles - Surojit Walawalkar (Wally) as Chair, Wendy Berry as Vice-Chair and Secretary, John Berry as Treasurer, Jane Richards and Bernadette Reigar as Committee Members. All documents are available to view on our website.

Website and Email Addresses

Our CAPE website - www.CAPE-LD.org - has been updated and now includes all our news, emails and some of the documents which we have emailed out, as well as all the A.G.M. information. Please take a look at the website from time to time. If you are not receiving our CAPE emails, please make sure that we have your correct address. Luan has been emailing members and asking members to confirm that they still wish to receive our mailings. We shall contact postal members as soon as possible.

Finally.

CAPE wishes all its members well, and we really hope that we shall be able to meet again before too long. Please keep in touch with fellow carers and contact CAPE@e-d-a.org.uk or phone 0208 373 6238, if you have any issues which you might need to raise – or even just to let us know how you are getting on. Luan is back at EDA, currently working every Monday, so she will be able to get back to you, or contact the CAPE committee.

Wendy Berry (Vice-Chair, CAPE).

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