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CARERS ISSUES

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Reviews – anxieties about format for reviews, how to prepare for them, possibility of advance copy of any format

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Quality standards work for independent service providers – strong support for work being undertaken by Gary Wainwright

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For when we look at Money and benefits

 – range of issues piling up, particularly with regards to Personal Independence Payments and Universal Credit

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 For when we look at Health Annual health checks – issues about including known causes of early death for people with a learning disability into these…. and also adding in mental health checks, as NICE recommended

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Direct payments

Need for greater clarity about some issues (eg respite seen as ok to pay for / holidays not allowed)

Need for a revised contract (promised, but not delivered)

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Direct payments (continued)

* Users of direct payments not being notified about increases in PA payment rates and sleep-in rate changes
* Overall conclusion- need for a specialist team to ensure consistency of approach in how Direct Payments are used

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 And finally….. (if no senior manager has turned up to today’s meeting as co-chair)

**Is it time for the Council to admit that the notion of co-production that is a key feature of many of its policies amounts to very little, and cannot be trusted?**