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Carers Issues

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Practice issues

Importance of people having a representative / advocate with them when completing person-centred plans or in decision-making meetings

Direct payments – fear that careful planning to build up a contingency fund could be undermined by Council taking back what they see as surplus unspent funding

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Organisational issue

- We like the fact that 'Carers Champions' are in place in each main team in Learning Disability Services....but they seem to have been set up without links to carers themselves

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Getting a response when asking for support

- Very long delays in allocation of workers to undertake assessments..an increasingly significant issue
- No continuity of staff – back to the old days of having to tell your story to someone new every time you request a service
- Lack of response and ongoing communication while you are waiting for something to happen

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Priority rating given to Carers in the Partnership Board work-plan – needs to be a Priority 1

Future funding for the LD Carers network after June / July of this year