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Arising from the last Partnership Board We intend to organise a wider Carers event about benefits in October / November, because the presentations at the last Board were so helpful.

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Person- led Assessment form – issues still to be resolved (a) There is a glaring lack of guidance about the ‘levels of support’ tick boxes which indicate what level the assessor thinks appropriate for the person being assessed. The result is that it is left wide open for individuals to interpret as they think fit – which is unacceptable when the package of support offered will depend on it.

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(b) There is nowhere to record the evidence on which the views of the assessor are based - so no easy way to challenge the result. This needs changing asap.

( c ) There is still no clear process by which the support budget arising from the assessment is established. The electronic version of this process was found not to work – but nothing has yet taken its place.

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* As a contribution to supporting those taking part in reviews and assessments, we have prepared a list of prompts for carers to equip them to deal with the process as confidently as possible. This is now on our website ([www.ldcarersvoice.co.uk](http://www.ldcarersvoice.co.uk)) . We will keep adding to it as more people contribute their ideas.

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Direct payments It appears that although the amounts of money which make up direct payments are increased by the Council each year to take account of inflation and other issues, those using direct payments are not informed of these increases and have to have a review in order to get them.

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Quality Checker initiative Finally, we have looked at the service specification for the Kirklees Quality Checker initiative by which day care settings can be assessed – and there was strong support for it.