

Enhancing Carer Participation in Powys



Powys Carers Service
Incorporating Powys Young Carers

Powys County Council in conjunction with Powys Carers Services, have recently held a series of three Carer Organisation Consultation events across the county in Newtown, Llandrindod and Brecon

The purpose of the events was to assist in;

- Identifying what future developments in services carers would like to see,
- Identifying ways in which services could be made more accessible and appropriate.
- Gathering more information on carers' needs' and
- Establishing a framework to enable future planning and development of services.

Delegates who attended the events were asked to prioritise the recommendations identified within Dr Penny Leonard's report 'Enhancing Carer Participation in Powys' by completing a questionnaire. Completed questionnaires were collated and analysed.

TOP THREE PRIORITIES (COUNTY WIDE)

1st

Raise awareness among

- a) primary care teams (for example in GP surgeries).
- b) local authority staff in all departments.
- c) community mental health teams.
- d) voluntary organisations.

2nd

- 1 To increase publicity to find 'hidden' carers by the use of posters, leaflets and wider distribution of the PCS newsletter in public places, such as hairdressers, dentists, surgeries, post offices, Council offices, advice centres and main and mobile libraries.
- 2 To increase publicity in schools, to provide a named contact person and to hold individual and group meetings in school hours for those pupils who rely on school transport.

3rd

Through The Carers Assessment process

To give the opportunity to feedback via professionals if carers choose to do so, and provide a mechanism for their views to be passed on. Carers are routinely asked as part of their Carer Assessment if they would be interested in participating in developing policy and services.

As a result of the analysis, work has commenced on progressing those recommendations.

Next Issue

The next issue of **Powys Carers Service Newsletter** will be for **June 2006**

Deadline for Articles, News, Letters, Photos, Poems, Quizzes, Jokes and any other contributions is

Friday 12th May 2006.

Please send articles etc to the main office address or Email: info@powyscarersservice.org.uk

Readers are reminded that it is their responsibility to check suitability & references of any service described or reported in this issue.

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