

## East Kilbride Carers Meeting – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

AGENDA		TOPIC	Discussion points	Comments
1.	Welcome & Apologies	Donna McAlister – Chair of SLCN opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies – Susan Bennie		
2.	Action Log of last meeting	No previous meeting		
3.	New members	8 new members		
4.	Speaker – Fiona Collie	Carers Scotland	<p>Fiona explained about the Carers (Scotland) Act and what it means to carers – the main points covered were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carers have a right to representation and carers views must be taken on board</li> <li>• Carers Scotland will be conducting an assessment on Carers Rights</li> <li>• Carers Scotland will be reviewing the differences in support to carers in different parts of the country. This will be done over a couple of years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prior to the Carers Act, some carers were entitled to a carers assessment and some were not depending on where you live</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Developing the correct type of short breaks for carers</li> <li>• On-line Directory of Short Breaks</li> <li>• Personal outcomes and what it means to carers</li> <li>• The Adult Carers Support Plan</li> <li>• Emergency Planning</li> <li>• Young Carers</li> </ul>	Fiona Collie is also the speaker at the June carers meeting in Hamilton.
5.	Carers Issues	No Carer Issues	<p>Below are some of the questions asked by carers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is there a legal time limit for social work to get back to the carer when they have been referred as some carers are waiting more than two months for SW to reply? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Act only states social work should reply in a reasonable time. The exception to this is when the person you care for is suffering from a terminal illness. A Scottish Government recently consulted on how long adult and young carers should wait for their AC Support Plan/Young Carer Statement so more on this will follow in due course.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

			<p>2. Are dementia carers entitled to a link worker?</p> <p>A. There is no automatic entitlement – not enough staff</p> <p>3. Is personal care free</p> <p>A. Yes if done through Homecare</p>	
6.	Sam Thomson	Sam was representing Strathcona Carers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sam spoke about the dementia group he helps run for carers and how they are always looking for new members; the meetings are held in Strathcona House on the first Monday of every month at 10:30am.</li> <li>• Sam is also a member of Musical Memories, a choir for people with a dementia diagnosis and their carer, family member or friend. The group meet in Hamilton but their members come from all around the Lanarkshire area.</li> </ul>	
7.	Consultations & Surveys	Isobel Murray – The Networks Business Manager ran through a couple of ongoing consultations with a group of carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Mental Health Services – Guardian Survey</li> <li>• South Lanarkshire People’s Panel Membership</li> <li>• State of Caring Survey – on behalf of Carers UK</li> </ul> <p>All above consultations can be found on the South Lanarkshire Carers Network website at Get involved – Consultations or visit:-  <a href="https://slcn.co.uk/consultations/">https://slcn.co.uk/consultations/</a></p>	
8.	Further Information	Information stalls provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Lanarkshire Carers Network</li> </ul>	
9.	AOCB	None		
10.	DONM	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Fairhill Lifestyles, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ, 10:30am-12:30pm	Speaker Fiona Collie from Carers Scotland