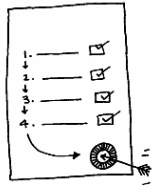


How did we do?



A. County Carers' Forum

- Held a 'Structures Day' to assist with developing a work plan for the Forum
- Successfully applied for Carers' Grant monies to employ a Carer Support Worker in each Locality
- Moved the Forum meetings around the County to enable local carers to attend

B. Database

- Successfully negotiated to become part of the generic Carers' Link database, with subsequent two way exchange of information

C. Training

- Developed a half-day Carer Involvement training course for staff in Phase 1 of the day service modernisation programme. Course delivered in February 2005
- Provided input to newly developed generic Carer Awareness training for staff to be piloted in East Devon in November 2005

D. Respite

- Carried out Respite/Short Breaks Survey for Carers and Service Users with Carol Robinson of SWALD (South West Learning Disability Network). Report produced by Carol Robinson in November 2004
- Project developed with Carers' Grant monies in December 2004, - '£200 for 200 families'. Useful information gained re: identification of Carers. Enhanced our knowledge of Older Carers

E. Information/Training for Carers

- Developed KIN (Carers Information Newsletter)
- Carers have been signposted to generic 'Speaking Up' courses. Taster course held in 'Interview Skills' for learning disability Carers
- Home Farm Trust held Carer Workshops in all localities, January/February 2005

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Priorities for next year



- Support the County Carers' Forum to carry out targets in their Development Plan
- Induct, co-ordinate and support the new learning disability Carer Support posts across Devon
- Deliver Carer Involvement training to Phase 2 staff of day services modernisation. November 2005 – February 2006
- Ensure all staff have the opportunity to attend generic Carer Awareness training
- Write Learning Disability Carer Strategy with input from Carer Leads in localities and other Carers
- Work on development of services for Older Carers and Carers from Minority Ethnic Groups

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