



**Notes of the Disabled People Forum held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
held at the Carlisle Business Centre, 60 Carlisle Road, Bradford, BD8  
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**Present:**

Cath Stevenson (Chair)	Emmerson Walgrove
Paul Deary	Mary Baker
Tariq Hussain	Geoff Watson
Nusrat Naheed	Jean Walker MBE
Rita Exley	Tom Walsh
Omar Saroar	Alice Brown
Jill Grant	Paul Anderson
Linda Owers	Shona Addison
Richard Helliwell	Paul Kronbachs

**In Attendance:**

Sandra Brown - BACC  
Phil Cutler - BACC

**Apologies:** Linda Hanson, Lee bottomley, Janet Cuff, Dennis Boland, Gill Bowskill, Nisa Almas, Kevin Baldwin, Joan Fenton

**1. Welcome**

Cath welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given

**2. Apologies**

Apologies noted above. Rita Exley sent her apology for the meeting held in February. This was not noted in the minutes.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Cath read out the minutes. Emmerson, Paul, and Geoff agreed the minutes as a true record of what was said.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Jean gave a brief update about Whetley Hill as she sits on one of the action group.

- Instead of having several meetings at Whetley Hill, there will be one large meeting to include looking at food, transport and other topics.
- Transport is the biggest cost for Whetley Hill.
- There are a number of people doing good work at Whetley Hill, which is ongoing.
- OT assessments which is currently based at Carlisle Business Centre, is moving to Whetley Hill. Phil welcomed this move.
- There are plans to move other services to the centre.

With regards to the consultation that is taking place on mental health hospital services for adults and older people in Airedale, Bradford and Craven, and the proposed changes to services provided at Lynfield Mount, Airedale Centre for Mental Health and Ward 24 at Airedale General Hospital, Phil suggested that this should be a topic for the Disable People Forum to look at as part of their action plan.

Mary told the group that she did not know about the mental health consultation. Members from the Forum stated that a lot of communication is usually done by the internet and website, and not everyone has access to the internet. Jill also informed the group about services moving to Fieldhead which is inaccessible and service providers should involve disabled people when designing buildings.

#### **5. MP's Question Time Event**

Phil informed the Forum members that he has done a summary of the report from the MP Question Time event, which is still in draft form. Some of the Key Points for DPF to use as their action plan include

- Lack of communication or communication issues.
- What Services are out there

- Cuts in services
- Integration of Care Services - medical professionals tend to focus on the single issue, and not look at the other factors that might be affecting the patient.
- Taking disabled people, and their family's care into account, especially with aids and adaptations

It was suggested that the issues from the report should be grouped together and sent to MPs via email. The Forum should meet face to face with MPs to discuss the issues from the report. The group felt that it was important for Disable People Forum to make their presence felt. Phil agreed to work on the above with Tariq (Bradnet) then feedback at a DPF meeting. The issues should be looked at from a policy angle when going to MPs.

## **6. Any Other Business**

People First Keighley and Craven - Taxi Campaign Update

Following the meeting with representatives from the council, Private Hire taxis and Hackney Carriages, Private Hire representatives were told to inform their drivers that under the Equalities Act 2010 it was illegal to charge wheelchair users a higher cost when using an adaptable taxi.

The feedback from this is that taxi drivers are not happy, and are complaining about not being able to charge higher rates for the use of adaptable taxis and therefore are thinking of scrapping the use of accessible taxis. Forum members stated that this was not allowed and it was against the Law to do this. It was suggested that this is to be taken up as an action plan with MPs.

Cath thanked everyone for coming.

## **7. Date and Time of Next Forum Meeting**

Wednesday 19th July 2012 - 10.30am to 12.30pm