A brief summary of what Carers in Herts have been doing.

Changes in the Involvement Team. Sue Maskell has retired and a new member of the team, Karen Malone has been appointed. The team has been split into two sections

a. LD, Autism, Physical Disabilities, Frail and elderly and Dementia. This will be covered by Sally Stratford, Maria Kiely and Karen Malone.

b. Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol will be covered by Sarah Williams, Rosemary Muldoon and Nicola Beedell.

We held our bi-monthly Carers in Herts Learning Disabilities Carers Forum at The Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield on Tuesday 2nd April. The Guest speakers were from Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust (HPFT). James Holland, the Inclusion and Engagement Team Manager gave us a presentation and talked about how HPFT can support carers through their Carer’s pathway plan 2019 - 2021. This was followed by a presentation from Bina Sharma, Clinical Psychologist and project leader on the Carer

as this was Sue Maskell’s last time facilitating the LD Forums before retirement, Marie Scales (The Chair) thanked her for everything that she has done and the carers she has supported. The Chair read out this message from Kim Honeyball on behalf of the LDPB “The LDPB would like to thank Sue for her involvement over the past few years and wish her a happy and fun retirement”.

Are there any issues you want to let the Partnership Board know about?

- Continuing issues on waiting times for carer assessments and follow ups afterwards.
- Cuts in payments/ PIP and Universal Credit crossover still causing problems and financial hardship.
- A carer who looks after her adult child with Autism and Learning Disabilities has been told (unofficially) that transport costs to day centres/support places have been withdrawn for those people who are receiving the high rate mobility component of PIP and that this is going to be implemented county wide. If this is true carers would like to know:
  *Is this a policy change?*
  *If so, when was it/will it implemented?*
  *Were carers informed? If so when?*
  *Is this permanent or can it be rescinded?*

UPDATE This has been taken up by Mark Harvey who has taken some details and will get back to Carers in Herts with some answers
Future meeting dates

Date of next LD Forum is Tuesday 4th June 2019 at The Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield AL10 0AN

All other dates of events and forums can be found on our website; 
Http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/events