

**SUNDERLAND CARERS' MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2015**

**SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS**

**1. Review of CMB and its role**

The discussion that took place at the September 2015 meeting was referred to and two points of clarification were raised. Continued recognition of the CMB by SCAS (Sunderland Care and Support) was confirmed. On the subject of deregistration and the Board's future relationship with the Council as changes were brought about, it was agreed that a representative from the Council's commissioning team would be invited to the next meeting to advise on this.

**2. Managing Directors Report**

The SCAS Managing Director's Report was circulated, which gave updates on new Company structure, attendance management, performance information, deregistration, business plan 2015/2016, workforce transformation, CQC inspections and the new complaints policy.

It was reported that the sale of 9 homes (Carrdale, Ebdon Lane, Featherbed Lane, Greenbank, Braeside, Leatham, Midmoor Road, Tavistock square and Wensleydale) to Auckland Home Solutions had been completed. The process of converting the services to Supported Living Schemes would now be started.

Work has started to consider options for converting SCAS from a Council owned 'Local Authority Trading Company' to a not for profit mutual organisation with a view to the transition taking place during 2016.

A leaflet outlining the new complaints procedure ('Tell us what you think') was distributed to members.

**3. Carers' Issues and Concerns - Blue Badge issues**

The issue of blue badges for use when residents are taken out had been investigated further. Philip Foster (Chief Operating Officer of SCAS) reported that it was possible to have organisational blue badges and that applications were being made for each home to obtain one.

**4. Carers' Issues and Concerns - problems with Council billing of residents' contributions**

On the topic of issues relating to the Council billing of residents' contributions to care in the homes which had been the subject of recent discussions, it was agreed that a representative of the Council's billing team would be invited to the Board meeting on 6 January 2016.

**5. Changes at the Sunderland Carers' centre**

This was the last meeting for Eibhlin Inglesby, who had attended meetings as the representative of the Sunderland Carers' Centre since the inception of the Board in July 2011. Eibhlin's valued contributions were recognised (and those of the Carers' centre as a whole) and a farewell presentation took place.

**6. Next Meeting**

Meetings in 2016 will be quarterly, taking place at 6pm in the Leechmere Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> October.