

FAMILY CARERS BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 12th 2024

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN POINTS

1. Meeting arrangements

This meeting immediately preceded the Family Carers Open Day event which was organised on a 'drop in' basis throughout the afternoon. The main item of discussion covered the final arrangements for the Open Day. There was outline discussion of two ongoing items – the 'Making it Real' initiative, and issues regarding parking at Hylton Bank. The main agenda items were deferred.

2. Family Carers Open Day

This was a special 'drop in' event held as part of the Carers Week activities and was organised by Sunderland Carers Centre in partnership with Sunderland Care and Support (SCAS). All family carers whose loved ones were looked after by SCAS had been invited. The purpose of the day was to raise awareness of the Family Carers Board, providing information and access to members of the Board and to supporting organisations and agencies, including:

- Sunderland Carers Centre
- Sunderland Care and Support
- Sunderland Council
- Age UK
- Sunderland Mind
- Washington Mind
- SHARP (including Pallion Action Group)

Those who attended felt this to have been a well worthwhile and enjoyable event. The experience will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Board.

3. Future meetings

Dates scheduled for 2024:

Wednesday 16th October at 4pm

Dates scheduled for 2025 (provisional):

Wednesday 12th February at 4pm

Carers Week meeting on a Wednesday in June (date and time to be determined)

Wednesday 15th October at 4pm

All meetings will be held at Leechmere, with the option of remote attendance using Microsoft Teams software.