



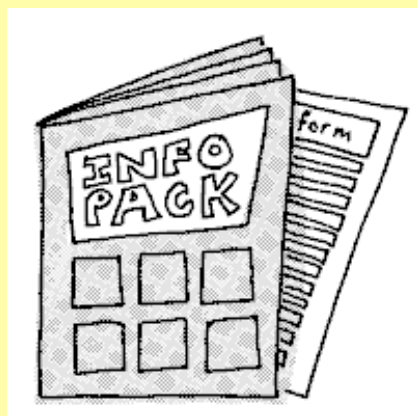
Older Carers

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What I will talk about today



- Today I will tell you about my job as an Older Carers Development Worker for the Learning Disability Partnership Board.



- I will tell you what I have done so far and what I need to do in the future. I will ask you to tell me what I could do differently or better.

What is my job



- My job is to find Carers who are 70 years or over who care for someone, usually a relative, who has a Learning Disability.
- My job is to make contact with Carers to find out if they need help.
- My job is to offer Carers support.

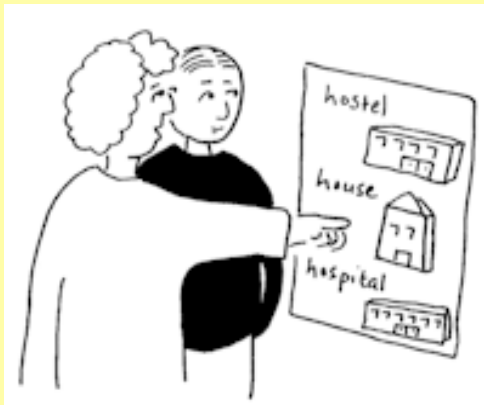
Contact with Older Carers



The ways I have contacted Carers so far include

- Writing to Carers we already know about asking them if they would like to talk to me.
- Visiting Carers in their own home and spending time listening to them to find out what is important to them.

Older Carers' needs



- Carers have told me that they feel worried and anxious.
- They worry about the future for the person they care for.
- They want to know where the person they care for will live in the future.
- They want to know what will happen in an emergency.

Development issues raised by Older Carers



- So far I have made contact with 47 families with a Carer aged 70 years or over
- Some of these families did not want me to visit but lots did.
- All of the carers are happy to receive information which may help them.

Developing my work



- Part of my job is to find Carers who are 'hidden'. Nobody knows about them and they might need help but do not know how to get it.
- I need to find more ways to let hidden carers know about what is available.

What we need to talk about



- What else needs to be done?
- How can we make sure that Carers needs are met?
- How can we make sure that everyone works together?

