



Medway Carers Partnership Board Update



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Background:



Medway Carers Partnership Board was set up in January 2010.



It was set up so that carers could have a voice and be involved in improving the life of carers across Medway



Since then the partnership board has been working on 3 main areas, which are:

1. Carers Assessments
2. Respite and short breaks for carers
3. Information and communications about carers issues



Updates from these 3 main areas:

1. Carers Assessments

Things that have happened in Medway because of the Carers Partnership Board work include:



- Updated carers assessment form
- New carers assessment review form
- A checklist for carers when doing assessments to help them think about what they might need help with
- Reviews are being done at the moment and we have asked a carers organisation to do this on the Council's behalf

2. Respite Short Breaks Sub Group

The things that this group are looking at include:



- What is a short break
- What different options are available at the moment for carers to have a break
- Which options do carers like and why
- What do carers think are missing
- What don't carers like and why
- What could be made better
- What support do carers need in an emergency

Once the group has done this work, it will write a report for the Carers Partnership Board to look at and make recommendations about

3. Information and Communication Sub Group

The things that this group are looking at include:



- In what ways do we share information and tell carers about the services and support available to them at the moment
- What do carers think about the information they get and how they get it
- Are lots of people doing the same things
- What do other people in different areas do that's good
- What do carers find unhelpful

What do people think is missing Once the group has done this work, it will write a report for the Carers Partnership Board to look at and make recommendations about

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