



## DPUF Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Minutes of meeting held at Winkfield Resource Centre

Attendees: Isha Turay (IT), Deborah Quinton (DQ), Anjali Halder (AH), Hassy Namukyala (HN), Menassie Yemane (MY), Victoria Dimandja (VD), Osman Dervis (OD), Ndona Dibondo (ND), Jorgine Diassones (JD), Graham Day (GD), Phil Stevens (PS), Darren Willbourne (DW).

### Minutes:

PS – Welcomed members to the group and explained the function of DPUF, to provide a peer support forum with shared experiences and a focus on solving problems. DAH offers a supporting function, facilitating the meetings and arranging for requested speakers to come to the group to discuss services and any issues being experienced with Direct Payments.

IT - I experienced issues with find the right Personal (care) Assistant, finding the right person, and the paperwork you need to complete. IT stated that although she no longer receives DP's, she is happy to share her knowledge with the group if it will help.

OD – Shared his concerns about there being no apparent transition plan for young people like his son, who is leaving college. There is no support plan for him or his son relating to ongoing progression routes.

PS – Suggested a need for the mapping of service provision.

VD – Explained experiencing similar issues and agreed that there should be the provision of an action plan for ongoing support routes.

OD – Asked whether a Ward Councillor could be invited to attend a future meeting.

PS – Agreed that this was an option, as well as inviting an appropriate Haringey Officer to discuss the mapping of services and transition plans.

**ACTION: PS/DW to schedule a programme of service provider representatives for future meetings.**



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GD – Proposed that future meetings include a dedicated ‘talking shop’ element in which attendees discuss current issues and seek to find solutions.

PS – Explained that there is a website service for DP holders to find suitable potential Personal (care) Assistants, this can be demonstrated at the next meeting.

**ACTION: PS/DW demonstration of PA website at next meeting.**

OD – A large element of his DP payment was returned last year as he didn’t know what he could apply for that would be eligible. He felt that there was a lack of support around knowledge sharing, which could help him manage his payments effectively.

GD/PS – Explained that there would be a support plan in place, and that OD would be entitled to have a copy. PS to meet with OD to arrange this via Social Services.

**ACTION: PS meeting with OD**

JD – Stated that she was not able to use payments for Taxi services.

GD – Explained that she could apply for a Taxi Card to enable transport costs being greatly reduced. PS to facilitate this application.

VD – Described her experiences of struggling more as she ages, this was echoed by OD as an issue, that support needs grow as parents/guardians get older – it becomes harder to cope on a physical and mental level. This highlighted another area of support need.

PS/GD – closed the meeting with agreement from the attendees to meet on an 8-week basis. Proposed date of next meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 1pm to 2:30pm at Winkfield Resource Centre.

### ACTIONS:

1. PS/DW to schedule a programme of service provider representatives for future meetings.
2. PS/DW demonstration of PA website at next meeting.
3. PS meeting with OD