



Pan Dorset Carers Steering Group Role description

As a carer representative/volunteer on the Pan Dorset Carers Steering Group you will have the opportunity to influence the current and future carers services in Dorset. Your role involves representing the views of carers, drawing on your own experiences and those of others to make a real difference to the lives of carers in Dorset. Carer representatives are people aged 16+ and current and former carers of people living in the BCP Council local authority or Dorset Council local authority.

Role Responsibilities:

- Ensure that the views of Pan Dorset carers are listened to, acted upon, and represented in the Pan Dorset Carers Strategy.
- To champion the wider collective views of unpaid carers through knowledge and experience around health and/or social care services and how we should improve to better meet the needs of carers.
- To review, critique and feedback on service development plans from providers to help ensure that they are appropriate and meaningful
- To provide advice, guidance and challenge to inform services for carers across the county.

Meetings:

- Held virtually once a month lasting 2 hours (subject to review)
- Currently held virtually using 'Microsoft Teams'
- Please come prepared to discuss focussed topics having read any relevant paperwork circulated in advance

Effective steering group carer members...

- Are well prepared and understand the purpose of the group and their own role
- Work well with others
- Can commit to attending steering group meetings regularly as well as additional Task and Finish groups at times.
- Ensure they maintain confidentiality of the issues and personal data they discuss
- Are confident, open and honest in sharing their own views.
- Are able to provide and receive challenge to views and ideas in a respectful manner.
- Are prepared to attend training and development opportunities where offered and relevant
- Have the ability to be impartial and set aside individual or organisational views to ensure that the collective views of others are represented.