

# Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF) Progress report

**Name of project:** Family Carers Gateway

**Project Lead:**

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**Sub Group overseeing project:**

Chairs Planning Group - Partnership with Families

**Project Targets from original bid:**

- Up to 4 Carers Needs Assessments / Reviews per week will be completed
- By the end of the project, a carers self-assessment scheme will be in place
- Stronger links with the Community Learning Disability Team will lead to more joint work and meetings to discuss how best to support carers.
- More carers will access Carers Assessments / Reviews.
- Carers will be better supported after needs assessments/reviews
- The project will make a direct contribution to the Council in offering Direct Payments and Individual Budgets to Carers.
- Written reports will be sent to the Partnership Board for further discussion on developing appropriate initiatives and projects, which will benefit carers.

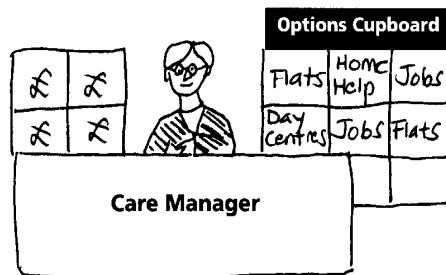
**How the project will do this work:**

The Carers Centre employed a worker 21 hours a week as a Family Carers Assessment Worker and he started working on this project in August 2009. He was able to build on the positive working relationships that already exist between the Carers Centre and the Community Learning Disability Team, particularly the CLDT Care Manager for Carers.

The Family Carers Assessment Worker also drew on the knowledge and expertise within the Carers' Centre and the Community Learning Disability Team, as well as his own knowledge and experience, to plan positive outcomes for carers. This has included Direct Payments in the form of Carers Grants.

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The Family Carers Assessment Worker has received cases exclusively from the Community Learning Disability Team. Monthly allocation meetings were established with the CLDT Care Manager for Carers.



**How much 2010/11 LDDF money the project got: £2,277.34**

**Name of person completing this report:**

**Sheila Killick**

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## What the project has done in April 2010 through October 2010:

The Family Carers Assessment Worker was employed by the Carers Centre for Brighton and Hove starting in August 2009 working 21 hours a week. The Family Carers Assessment Worker's role is to carry out Carers' Reviews on behalf of the **Community Learning Disability Team**.

Unfortunately The Family Carers Assessment Worker developed a long term health problem during this reporting period which has resulted in targets not being met. Consequently LDDF funding was withdrawn by the Council for this work and this project ended in October.

5 review visits were carried out and outcomes included applications for Carer's Grant funding, referrals to the Back Care Advisor and liaison with CLDT.

After the project was terminated any review work which had not been completed was handed over to Penny Maris, Carers Care Manager in the CLDT. In addition several pieces of follow up work were taken on by Support & Outreach Workers in the Adult Carers Team. This has included assistance with Emergency Back Up Plans, charity grant applications, referral to CLDT re a vulnerable adult safeguarding issue and help with welfare benefits.