

Name of Project:

**Family Carers Gateway**

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**Which Partnership Board Sub Group is leading this area of work?**

**Chairs Planning Group – Partnership With Families**

**How much LDDF money does your project want in 2009-2010?**

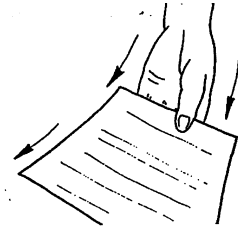
£18,000.00

**What is the budget (how will you spend the money) for the project and is any other money also going to be used for this project? (Maximum £18,000)**

The Carers' Centre will employ a part-time (0.6) worker to undertake the tasks specified in the bid.

Salary (NJC scale pt. 29)	£14,224
NI	£1,049
Pension (3%)	£427
Management fee	£2,100
(incl. heat, light, telephone, office, etc.)	
Travel expenses	£200
Total	£18,000

**Tell us about the Project, how it will work, what it will do, who will do it and things like that:**



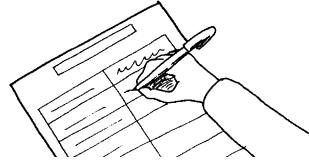
The Carers' Centre will employ a part-time Gateway Worker to undertake carers' assessments/reviews, complete care plans and provide assistance with completion of Carers' Emergency Back-Up Scheme on behalf of the Community Learning Disability Team with carers of people with learning disabilities. The assessments can best be provided by the Carers' Centre which has good contacts with carers. We are able to work with carers who have been reluctant to engage with statutory agencies.



The Carers' Centre already has positive working relationships with managers and frontline workers in the Community Learning Disability Services. We will build on these to develop, support and enhance our needs assessment work. The Gateway Worker will liaise with the Community Learning Disability Team to share information and discuss recommendations.



Using the knowledge and experience the Adult Carers Team has gained in working with carers of learning disabled adults, the Gateway Worker will offer sound recommendations to inform the risk ranking carried out by the Community Learning Disability Team. The Worker will also advise the Community Learning Disability Team on any proposed services to the carer/cared for.



The project will carry out up to 4 carers' assessments/reviews per week and submit assessments regularly to a named contact in Community Learning Disability Team. The Gateway Worker will take referrals from Community Learning Disability Team and self referrals direct from carers. However, any self referrals will be discussed with the Community Learning Disability Team to assess eligibility and pass the health and safety checks in accordance with Sussex Partnership Trust's policy and practice. In order to promote the project, the Carers' Centre will advertise this service via its website, newsletters and promotional leaflets to raise the profile of needs assessment.



Work Group

A Working Group will be set up including carers and representative from the Community Learning Disability Team to discuss a way to pilot a scheme on self assessments with family carers, and also to make recommendations regarding the format of self assessment. The Working Group will seek additional resources, such as the costs of database, design and carers' involvement during the process.



The Gateway Worker will provide written reports three times a year to the Learning Disability Partnership Board. Service will be discussed and reviewed at the bi-annual contract review meetings between the Carers' Centre and the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

**What outcomes, targets or goals would your project achieve?**

1. Up to 4 carer needs assessments/reviews per week will be completed
2. By the end of the Project, a carer self assessment scheme will be in place
3. Stronger links with the Community Learning Disability Team will lead to more joint work and meetings to discuss how to best support carers
4. More carers will access carer assessments/reviews
5. Carers will be better supported after needs assessments/reviews
6. The project will have direct contribution to the Council in offering direct payment and individual budget to carers
7. Written reports will be sent to the Partnership Board for further discussion on developing appropriate initiatives and projects, which will benefit carers

**Is there anything else you want us to know?**

The Carers' Centre for Brighton & Hove has a carer database of over 1,800 contacts. In the past three years, we have been funded by the Learning Disability Partnership Board to provide specific one to one support, support groups and the carers' link group. Through these projects, we now have 39 carer contacts on our database and offer them advice, information, advocacy and emotional support, as needed.

Building on our experience in running a Young Carer Needs Assessment Project, the Carers' Centre is experienced and knowledgeable in undertaking carer needs assessments. The experience in working with the Adult Social Care and CAF team has been very positive and constructive.

In having contacts and/or working relationships with carers, community groups, statutory agencies and voluntary groups, the Carers' Centre aims to develop and implement its Communication Policy to identify more "hidden" carers and carers from Black & minority ethnic and LGBT communities.

The new Carers Engagement Project of the Carers' Centre will encourage more carers to get involved in public consultations on strategies and policies that will affect their lives and caring roles.

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