



**Notes – ‘Making it Real’: Central Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at Shirehall, Shrewsbury (11:00am – 12:30pm)**

**Present:** Ron Farr – Carer & expert by experience / Sue Farr – Carer & expert by experience / Sue Stewart – Carer & expert by experience / Ann Williams – Rethink Carers Group / Beverley Jones – Carer & expert by experience / Jon Hancock – Expert by experience and Making it Real Board member / Michelle Evans – Taking Part / Julie Weaver – Social Care practitioner / Chris Clarke – Community Catalysts / Stewart Smith – Development Officer

**Apologies:** Kat Slade – Carer & expert by experience / Sue Wood – Expert by experience / Martin Wood – Carer & expert by experience / Ness Hicken – Volunteer Coordinator / Margarete Davies – ASC Carers Lead

Agenda	Notes	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; matters arising from the last meeting</b></p> <p>a - Experts by experience engagement policy – first draft ready for circulation. <b>SS to circulate to working group and organise follow up meeting</b></p> <p>b - PB Summit – report to share with Health &amp; Wellbeing Board – <b>see attached</b></p> <p>c - IT in local libraries – Andrew Boxall has responsibility and is considering best ways to provide support. <b>Further details to be confirmed by AB.</b></p>	<p><b>Action:</b> See main text.</p>
2	<p><b>Community Catalysts – the development of micro enterprises in Shropshire. Chris Clarke</b></p> <p>Community Catalysts is a Community Interest Company aiming to ensure that people can get great local social care. They work with local people who live close to the people that they support. Presently working in Shropshire’s rural NW where it can be difficult for individuals to get support. The aim is to establish a network of micro-care enterprises that will support people at home in a variety of ways - not just 2 or 3 visits a day. The nature or variety of support will be directed by individuals receiving support and agreed by the individual and the micro-enterprise.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> The group welcomed the development of micro-enterprises but also asked questions about</p>

	<p>Community Catalysts will aid people looking to establish their own micro-enterprise with understanding the rules of self-employment as well as those relating to support and personal care.</p> <p><b>See the attached fliers for information:</b>  <b>1&amp;2- Could you offer 'help at home' to people in your neighbourhood?</b>  <b>3 - Some things to think about when you're looking for care or support</b></p> <p>Chris Clarke is working closely with the social work teams in the north of Shropshire. 'Big Local' are providing opportunities to access grants in the local area that could be used for start-up costs.</p> <p><b>See the attached PowerPoint presentation for full information about the work of the Community Catalysts and micro enterprises, it contains examples of micro-enterprises as well as 'Doing it right' standards for quality guidance.</b></p> <p>It was commented that micro-enterprises could not solve all issue related to social care, but they could offer people greater choice about the kind of support they access.</p>	<p>quality and safeguarding.</p> <p><b>Chris Clarke to be invited back in 12 months to talk about developments over the year.</b></p>
3	<p><b>Review of carer support – small group discussion</b></p> <p>In preparation for carers to attend the MiR Board, small groups discussed the questions of what is working well for carers at the moment and what needs to be developed.</p> <p>Ideas were recorded on flip charts to be shared with the MiR Board and Margarete Davies.</p> <p>Margarete is the Carers Lead for ASC and coordinator of the Family Carers Partnership Board. She is organising a series of face to face meetings with carer groups and individuals alongside a survey for comments and feedback.</p> <p>All feedback received will be gathered together in August and then go to inform a report due for completion in September 2019.</p> <p>Margarete will attend the advisory group in September to highlight emerging themes from the report.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> several carers from advisory group will attend the next MiR Board meeting and put their experiences and views on carer support to the board.</p>
4	<p>The date of the next meeting is:  <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> (11am – 12.30pm) – Wenlock Room, Shirehall SY2 6ND</p>	