



Barnet Carers' Partners Forum

'Working together to make Barnet a more caring-conscious and carer-friendly borough'.

Event agenda

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome and introductions

Mike

Partners' forum purpose

Julia Connors

10:10 – 10:30 Barnet Carers' update on new service model

Keely Dunning

10:30 – 11:00 Partnership model and sharing of partnership experiences -Barnet Mencap and Express Tution

Maivel Rodriguez

11:00 – 11:30 Supporting carers in the Borough. Open discussion

Establishing forum's priorities

Next forum topic

AOB and closure.



We welcome you to be part of Barnet Carers Partners Forum

Mike Pien - Chief Executive Officer



What our partners forum is about?

Julia Conrado – Strategic Projects Developer

- ✓ The setup of a **Barnet Carers Partners Forum** will allow us to connect stakeholders and community groups supporting carers and young carers.
- ✓ We will aim to address emerging challenges for carers and establish opportunities for joint working to improve the community response to supporting carers and young carers.
- ✓ The forum aims to contribute towards a more carer-friendly borough with a cohesive, cooperative, and integrated network of partners delivering direct or indirect support to Adults and Young Carers





- ✓ The Barnet Carers Partners Forum will aim at **influencing** the Borough's new carers and young carers strategy and decision making

A space to be shaped together by partners and for **taking action** about the issues most affecting carers and young carers

The forum intends to strengthen local partnership making, that enables carers and young carers journeys to be '**as good as they can be**' and that ultimately **enables carers to thrive**.

Some news and updates

Keely Dunning - Head of Carers Services

- ✓ Our mission is to enable all carers to thrive by empowering people to live the life they want
- ✓ Our service model will deliver an **enablement service** accessible to **all** carers, and it will influence positive change to their lives, resulting in carers being ***enabled to thrive***.



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enabling carers to thrive

1. Identification

Your journey starts here. The first stage is identifying a carer. Whether that be self-identifying, or a family/ friend or other service sending you our way. Your needs count to us and you could be eligible to access a range of services and entitlements to support you in your caring role.



3. Support

A support plan tailored to you. Our team will co-work with you to determine your level of need and identify whether you require a **Red (High)**, **Amber (Medium)** or **Green (Low)** level of intervention. We will then create a tailored plan to address your needs - such as through practical solutions, training/ development opportunities, access to specialist services and wellbeing support.



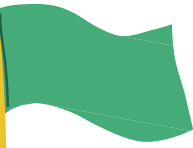
2. Assess

Getting to know your situation. Access to a Carers Needs Assessment, self-assessment or registration allows us to look at all aspects of your current position, and the support you may require. This includes assessing your caring responsibilities, wellbeing, current support network and your financial/ environmental situation.



5. Enable

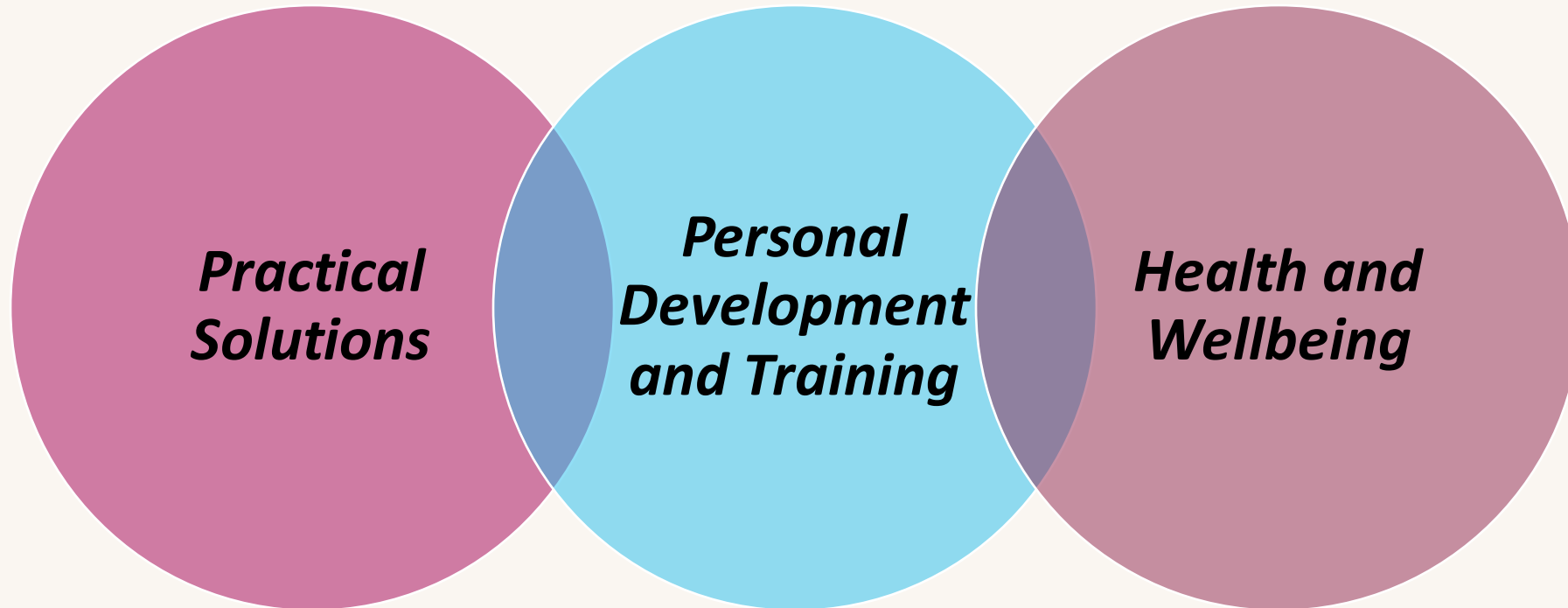
Our mission is to **"enable carers to thrive"**. Therefore we hope to provide relevant guidance, knowledge and opportunity for you to feel empowered to self-manage your caring role and wellbeing long-term. If you find yourself needing us less - this is a sign of positive progress! However you can feel reassured that we will be available to help if your situation changes and you require further support.



4. Review

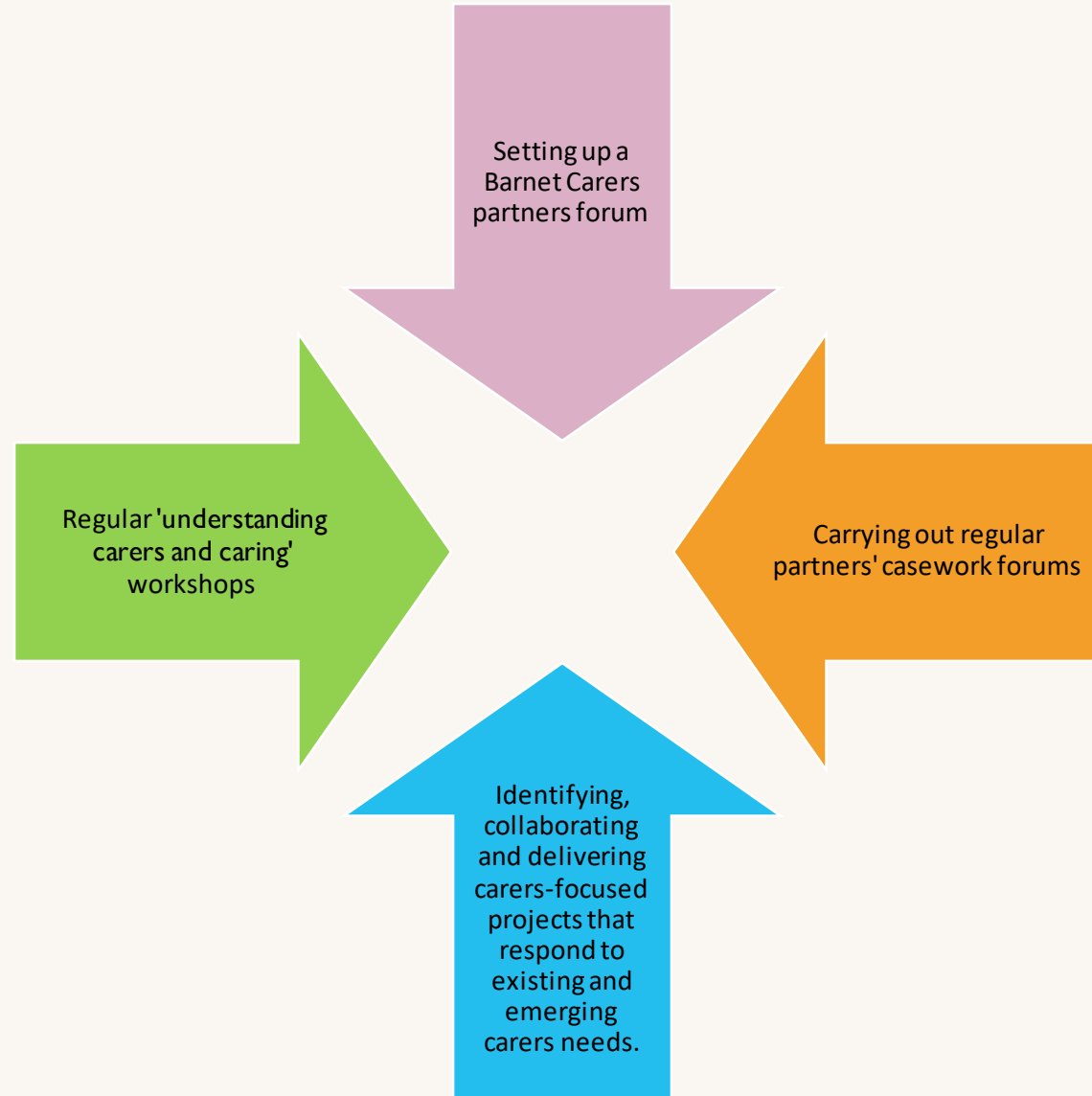
Helping you to achieve desired outcomes. We understand the challenges of being a carer, however we want to support you with finding balance with your own needs and your caring role. We will offer regular reviews and check-ins at different intervals dependent your needs, and will continually review your support plan to ensure you are making positive progress and a long-term positive impact to your life.

Our Support



Our focus is on enablement and partnership working!

Maivel Rodriguez – Head of Development and Strategic Engagement





Collaborative and partnership experiences

Maivel Rodriguez – Head of Development and Strategic Engagement

- ✓ **'Our future we plan'**: A prospective project to support carers of adult children with a learning disability and/or autism to future-plan.

Ray Booth – CEO Barnet Mencap

- ✓ **'Young carers tuition project'**: Improving academic outcomes and resilience in young carers

Fern Gable – Express Tuition





Barnet Carers' Partners Forum

Thursday 27th January 2022

Ray Booth

Chief Executive, Barnet Mencap



Barnet Mencap and Barnet Carers' Centre have a long relationship

➤ Ups and Downs



Between 2005 and 2010 the organisations shared a post

Barnet Mencap was part of the Carers' Consortium/Hub between 2011-16, alongside Age UK Barnet, Jewish Care Alzheimer's Society and others.

Both were part of the Carers' Partnership Board and the Carers' Sub-group of the Learning Disability Partnership Board; and worked on a lot of common goals.



Since then, the lack of forums and commissioning (which initially made the VCS more insular, preoccupied, and wary of each other) put a strain on relations



In the past 2-3 years things have changed:

- **Barnet Mencap** did less direct work with family carers, and the Parents Action Group ended
- Big gaps need a shared expertise, e.g. planning ahead
- Covid – brought VCS together, improved relations with the council, Adult Social Care Forum, CEO Network, VCS/MASH group
- Better co-operation, joint working – Project 300 work with Care Centre, Carers Assessments
- Willingness to put carers and their needs ahead of old frustrations



With new personnel the organisations reached out to each other

Exploratory meetings, to get up to date with each others work, a chemistry for working together.



Currently the Carers' Centre and **Barnet Mencap are working on:**

1. Liaison group – for case management, monitor referrals, outcomes
2. Joint funding bid to the Big Lottery, Questionnaire, a post to help families plan ahead
3. Training
4. Exploring dementia, with Age UK Barnet



Next steps:

- To continue the above, and strengthen the focus on prevention
- Improve co-operation and joint working around safeguarding; and with young carers
- Co-ordination re. Carers' Week, Learning Disability Week, Autism Week, and My Health Matters
- Barnet Parent Carer Forum
- Improve engagement on what is important to carers in Barnet

Let's discuss!

How can we collaborate and partner to better support carers in the Borough?

Suggestions for next forum's discussion topic.





Everything is better when we partner together!

Thank you!

