

## **Cwm Taf University Health Board;**

**Cynon;** Carers Champion Network

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### **Rationale;**

**Project Details;** Dementia Third sector/carers/primary care event took place in 2016 to facilitate development of a dementia locality resources roadmap. Developing a social prescribing tool is planned for 2017.18

**Intended Outcomes;** The main outcome for this project remains how best to identify Carers and have a Carer champion in each GP practice throughout Cwm Taf. By early identification Carers are able to access information, support and advice.

**Partners;** Cwm Taf UHB engage with GP practices, third sector organisations and dental practices. All support this service whether by enrolling on AGORED, promoting information in their work area for Carers or signpost Carers to support services.

**Time-frame;** once a learner enrolls for the AGORED supporting Carers course they are given 9 months to complete the four modules. There is no set timeframe to engage Carer champions, this is an ongoing process.

**Future Development Planned;** Training has been extended to include Healthcare Support Workers in hospital and community settings with the aim of establishing a Carer champion in each area/department throughout Cwm Taf UHB. In addition Carer champions are being identified in libraries, leisure centres and schools.

**Commissioning / Funding;** Welsh Government stipulated that we had to run an accreditation course for GP practices to undertake

**Evaluation / Reporting;** GP practices who are engaged in training were asked to provide how many Carers they had registered at their practice prior to the course, these numbers will be requested again once they have completed training to compare

### **Supporting Documentation;**

**Acknowledgement;** Tess Raybould; Cluster Development Manager

**Project Status;** This is a Cynon based project with no stated details with regard to funding, reporting or evaluation

In Cwm Taf we continue to recruit Carers Champions across GP Surgeries and Secondary Care. Cwm Taf Carers Co-ordinator is engaging GP staff in the AGORED Supporting Carers training unit which includes the Carer Aware e-learning training package. This has helped to improve the identification and recognition of Carers amongst staff. Health Care Support Workers have also engaged in the AGORED training and also raising the profile of Carers on the Wards.

The Annual Carers Champion Conference, now in its sixth year, gives an opportunity for Carers Champions to come together to hear Carers, professionals and good practice examples from across Cwm Taf and Wales.