

From: pandj.beeby [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 September 2021 16:42
To: Carol Bradley <carol@ddlcareservices.co.uk>
Subject: Proposed Care Hub

Hi Carol,

Thinking back over the years of care and assistance that you and your colleagues provided for my dad, before his recent move from Peebles. I can only describe it as excellent and in many ways more than we could have reasonably expected. I can also say that if the changes in my dad's care needs had not required him to move out of the Peebles area, he would not have looked elsewhere for his care needs, as each time he was about to be discharged from a stay in hospital, he always wanted to make sure that DDL would continue looking after him when he got home.

As my dad's mobility decreased, his opportunities to get out and about virtually ceased, therefore if a facility such as you are proposing had been available to him, it would have enhanced his mental and physical wellbeing significantly. Being with care staff that people already know and feel safe and comfortable with will increase their opportunities for both mental stimulation and social interaction considerably.

The provision of transport to and from the hub will encourage people to make the effort to get out and about, especially if their mobility is limited.

From a personal point of view, I only wish that the hub you are proposing, had been available to dad, as the facilities and opportunities provided would not only have benefited him enormously by enhancing his quality of life and reducing his isolation from society. It would have also alleviated my concerns in relation to his overall wellbeing, in particular the loneliness I know he felt at times even though he would not have admitted it.

Lastly, I would like to say, that the hub sounds the sort of facility, that will, over time, benefit many groups, both young and old, in Peebles and the surrounding area.

May I wish you all the best with your plans for the hub.

Yours

Paul Beeby

KENNY LOGAN

WHEN I HAD MY STROKE I LOST
MY PARTNER MY PETS I FELT LOST
WHEN ON MY OWN IN MY HOUSE AS MOST
OLD FOLK ON THERE OWN THE MIGHT GO
TO A CLUB AS I DO WHICH COULD BE
ONE DAY A WEEK OR EVERY TWO
WEEKS BUT A DAY CENTER COULD BE
ONE BIG HELP TO MEET OLD FRIENDS OR
TO MEET NEW ONES AND A NEW
OUTLET FOR GETTING OUT FOR A NEW
AND HAPPY LIFE THAT WAS
MISSING I CAN ONLY PRAY
THAT THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN

WHAT PEERLES NEEDS. FOR ALL GROUPS
TO GET IS A PLACE AS A DAY CENTER THAT
GETS EVERY ONE OUT SO THEY CAN MEET
EVERY ONE FOR TEA & SOME EATS, EVERY ONE FROM
OTHER CLUBS IT CAN BE FOR TALKS I.E.

FROM POLIES AND FRIE BRIGADE FOR TALKS ON
SAFTY AND GOOD INFORMATION TO HELP EVERY ONE
THEY COULD GET MUSICIANS AND PLAY FOR THEM
OR THE RED CROSS TO GIVE WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR
ENERY ONE THERE A LOT OF FLOKE WILL GIVE
THERE TIME TO GIVE TALKS QUETS COULD BE
INVIED PERONS FROM OTHER GROUPS A SHARE
WHA THEY DO IN THEAIES FOLK CAN HAVE
SING SONGS PLAY BINGO HAVE NIT AND TATER
THE END (NO THE LIST CAN GO ON AND ON)

From: snecma bowick [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 September 2021 23:31
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: DDL Care Hub

Hello Shirley. I will certainly back your application. I can't open the attachment but I did read the newspaper article so I hope the following provides the sort of support you're looking for - let me know if I can add anything useful.

I cannot understand why the DDL application to establish a care hub would be refused.

In my experience, DDL worked cooperatively and successfully with other care organisations and helped me hugely in navigating the very complex new situation I found myself in when I became the main carer for my mother. They clearly know the Care system inside-out and a Care Hub would be a reliable source of information for clients.

The team treated my mother with care, respect and kindness. She had such a lot of fun, I wish she had remained well enough to continue her care at home, supported by DDL. She certainly couldn't have remained at home as long as she did without their support, and she would have eagerly participated in DDL hub activities if they had been available. Resources at the proposed Care Hub would have enhanced my mother's enjoyment and given me some respite, knowing she was safe and happy.

As far as I can see, all care services are fully stretched and local premises are bursting at the seams so a made-for-purpose Care Hub would ease the system for the whole community.

I hope the application will be reconsidered so that this valuable service can be provided.

Claire Bowick.

Katherine Walpole [REDACTED]

Mon, 13 Sept,
13:53 (4 days
ago)

to me

Hi Chelsea

I was very disappointed to hear the DDL's planning application for the proposed day centre at Cavalry Park has been turned down.

My parents have benefitted hugely from the excellent care provided by DDL staff over the past 16 months following my Dad's accident and subsequent disability. Without this support they would definitely both have had to move into residential care. I have been particularly impressed at the way that DDL proactively interacts with other care services such as physiotherapy and the district nurses thereby looking after the whole person.

Now that my Dad has passed away the social aspects of the care that DDL provides have become even more important to my Mum. This will become increasingly so as her dementia progresses and given her mental health history. The more we can increase her social interaction, the more I hope we can delay her needing to move into residential care which there seems to be a huge shortage of. If this can integrate with the care package currently provided by DDL and other support services then that is even better.

We would certainly make use of the proposed facilities at Cavalry Park, particularly since there seems to be an absence of anything comparable in Peebles. I really hope therefore that DDL's appeal is successful.

With best wishes and thanks to all the DDL staff.

Katherine Walpole