

Renfrewshire Carers Centre Forum



A good number of local Councillors - elected in May - attended our most recent Carers Forum held on Tuesday 5th September 2017. The Forum was facilitated by Lynn Williams who cares for her husband and is also on the Renfrewshire Carers Centre Board of Directors.

This was an emotional and challenging Forum both for those Carers who do kindly contributed and spoke at this event and also for the elected representatives who attended.

Carers were able to describe the often significant and stressful challenges they face in accessing the right support for their loved ones; they described the important role of the Carers Centre in supporting their caring role and they also described the most of service cuts in terms of isolation, poorer outcomes for those they care for and poorer health and wellbeing for their families.

Councillors attending agreed to keep in regular touch with the Forum; some will attend condition specific Carer Support Groups and the Board and Management Team have offered to meet Councillors on a regular basis to keep them updated and work with them to ensure services and policies better meet the needs of disabled people and Carers.

The Centre would like to thank those Councillors who took part in this important Forum meeting.

The next Renfrewshire Carers Forum topic is Self Directed Support and will be on Tuesday 3rd October at 10.30am-12.30pm. Please contact Renfrewshire Carers Centre on 0141 887 3643 to book your place.