



Money Matters Event – 14th March 2016

Programme & Speaker Profiles

- 9.30am** - Registration and refreshments
- 10.00am** – Welcome and overview of the day – Gail Hanrahan - OXFSN
- 10.10am** - Q&A on Self Directed Support - Steve Raw - DOSH
- 10.45am** - Challenging decisions – Caroline Barrett (Solicitor) Irwin Mitchell Associates
- 11.30 am** - BREAK - a chance to visit stands and network
- 12.00pm** - Keynote Speaker – Dame Philippa Russell
- 12.30pm** - Protecting people from Financial Abuse - Deborah Kitson – Anne Craft Trust
- 1.00 pm** - LUNCH – a bag lunch will be provided
- 2.00 pm** – Thomas’s story – David Johnson
- 2.40 pm** - Court of Protection – Veronica Cowdrey – Henmans Freeth Solicitors
- 3.10 pm** - BREAK – visit stands
- 3.25 pm** – Benefits – Rhianon Gale – Family Carers Support Service (FCSS)
- 4.05 pm** - Provider Perspective – Eddy McDowell – OACP (Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers)
- 4.25 pm** - Closing comments



Dame Philippa Russell – Keynote Speaker

Dame Philippa Russell DBE is the former Chair of the Government's Standing Commission on Carers. She is Vice-President of Carers UK and a Patron of Carers Support, West Sussex. She is a member of the Programme Board for the Think Local, Act Personal Partnership (TLAP) and of the TLAP National Co-Production Advisory Group (co-chairing the Making it Real strand of TLAP's work with Sally Percival). She has been awarded the OBE, CBE and DBE for services to disabled people and to families and carers.

She is currently working with DH and other Government Departments on the development and delivery of the statutory guidance and regulations for the Care Act and has been (and is) a member of a number of CQC and NICE Advisory Bodies, including the advisory groups supporting the CQC's recent thematic inspection of domiciliary/home care services and of transition arrangements for young people with complex health needs and disabilities. She is a member of NICE's Scoping Group developing guidelines for the support of older people with learning disabilities and of the ADASS Carers Social Care Policy Network..

She is also working with NHS England both around the development and the delivery of their national 'Commitment to Carers' Programme and related commissioning guidance (and on the Care and Treatment Reviews which are informing the Transforming Care programme in response to the Winterbourne View inquiry).

She was formerly a Commissioner with the UK Government's Disability Rights Commission and Director of the Council for Disabled Children and led the DRC Formal Investigation into health inequalities for people with learning disabilities and/or mental health problems. She is a member of NHS England's Commitments to Carers Delivery Board and of the Ministerial Advisory Group on the Mental Health Strategy.

In 1990, she was awarded the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Centenary International Award for women who have contributed to the field of learning disability. In 2005, she was awarded the RADAR (Royal Association of Disability and Rehabilitation) Lifetime Achievement Award for the furtherance of the human and civil rights of disabled people. In 2003 she was awarded the Life-time Achievement Award (for Children) for services to disabled children and their families.

She is the parent of an adult son with a learning disability and has extensive contacts with third sector and user organisations with an interest in disabled people and their families. She is a trustee of the National Family Carers Network; the National Development for Inclusion and of the South East Forum on Ageing.



Caroline Barrett

Caroline Barrett is a public law solicitor at Irwin Mitchell in Cambridge. She specialises in education and health and social care work. Caroline acts for disabled children and their families, disabled adults, and charities, in promoting their rights and helping people access statutory services. In addition to representing clients in such cases, Caroline regularly speaks at conferences and events to ensure that individuals are aware of their legal rights.



Deborah Kitson

Deborah Kitson worked for Nottinghamshire Social Services (1977-1992) as a social worker with children and adults with learning disabilities before being appointed as Implementation Officer for Nottinghamshire Abuse Procedural Guidelines based in the Department of Learning Disabilities at the University of Nottingham. She assisted in the production of the guidelines and their revision and is now a consultant for other agencies developing policies and guidelines on sexuality and the safeguarding of people with learning disabilities.

Deborah was the co-ordinator of the Ann Craft Trust (formerly known as NAPSAC – National Association for the Protection from Sexual Abuse of Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities) from 1998 and was appointed as the Trust's CEO in February 2002. She has continued to facilitate training on a wide range of associated issues and regularly presents at national conferences. She has delivered extensive training to the Crown Prosecution and the Police on the safeguarding of adults at risk. She represents the Trust on a number of government bodies and contributes to the planning and implementation of new national initiatives. She is author and editor of a number of publications including 'Facing the Possibility', 'Child Protection Handbook', 'Training to Protect', 'The Age of Inquiry' and 'Good Practice in Safeguarding Adults'. She was also a member of the Steering Group of 'No Secrets' and is the external representative on a number of Safeguarding Adults Boards.

Ann Craft Trust

The Ann Craft Trust is a national charity working with staff in the statutory, independent and voluntary sectors in the interests of disabled children and adults at risk.

ACT responds to the needs and concerns of people by providing:

- Information, advice and consultancy
- Peer group support and networks
- Publications including a quarterly bulletin and research reports
- Training, seminars, workshops and conferences
- Research and awareness campaigns.

ACT's research has included 'Abuse of Disabled Children', 'Blowing the Whistle on Abuse of Adults with Learning Disabilities', 'Young People with Learning Disabilities who Show Sexually Inappropriate or Abusive Behaviours' and 'Forced Marriage of People with Learning Disabilities'.

Its current campaigns include the forced marriage of people with learning disabilities, sexual exploitation and disability hate crime. ACT provides training on all issues relating to the safeguarding of disabled children and adults at risk.

ACT also does consultancy work with a range of agencies. ACT works with organisations nationally reviewing their safeguarding strategies and ensuring that they are providing safer services.

David Johnson

David Johnston is a family carer and member of a national peer network for personal health budgets (PHBs). He also runs a local peer network for PHBs in Worcestershire. David will tell the story of his son Thomas who has PMLD and receives Continuing Health Care funding to provide his care. The focus of his presentation will be on how budgets have been established and money managed through a person centred approach to delivering care to achieve health and wellbeing outcomes.



Steve Raw

For the last 6 years I have been an MD for Dosh Ltd, which is part of Thera Group (www.thera.co.uk) I am now in my 20th year of a second career supporting people with learning disabilities. I was inspired to choose this career as I have the privilege of having a daughter who copes with learning disabilities and autism and I wanted to make a difference in peoples lives. I started as a Team Leader and have been a Project Manager, Area Manager, a Regional Director and a Director of Learning Disabilities for the companies I have worked for.

I have supported people with learning disabilities through Community Support, Residential Care, Supported Living and Self Directed Support (Individual Budgets). As the MD for Dosh www.dosh.org I support people to have more control and independence with their money. I have a number of qualifications in social care. **I love what I do!**

As well as my 'day job' I have a keen interest and passion in all aspects of Leadership. I design and deliver leadership and project management presentations and workshops for my organisation, and also other charities. I am a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM) and a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). I have completed a number of qualifications from both Institutes. In 2014: I have designed and will be delivering a 3 day Project Management workshop for Thera's ILM Level 5 Management Qualification, delivering my Intro to Project Management workshops for Charityworks for their Intern/Graduate Management Programme, Leadership workshop and presentations for a local theatre and management teams in Thera East Anglia.

My first career was in the Army. I took the 'Queen's Shilling' as a 15 year old, and 24 years later I retired as a Warrant Officer after serving in Hong Kong, Northern Ireland, Germany/Berlin, Norway, SHAPE and Commando Log Regt Royal Marines. I am also a keen runner.

My voluntary work includes being a Trained Mentor for Wounded, Injured and Sick Soldiers (WIS) with SSAFA www.ssafa.org.uk.



Rhianon Gale

Rhianon has dedicated her career to supporting people with learning disabilities and family carers for over 15 years. She has an invisible disability herself and supports family members with mental and physical disabilities; she has a first hand understanding of the obstacles that family carers and people with disabilities can face.

As Manager of the Family Carer Support Service (FCSS), Rhianon strives to ensure family carers know what their rights are and have the confidence to exercise them. She thinks it is essential to keep up to date with the real issues that people experience and makes sure the FCSS work responds to current health and social care trends/issues.

Rhianon and her team design and deliver workshops on topics affecting family carers (e.g. Care Act, Mental Capacity Act) create resources and guides (e.g. Holiday Information Guide, Making sure your relative is safe), give phone support to family carers to help them navigate through health and social care systems and collate views of family carers to respond to government consultations.



Eddy McDowall

Eddy is currently Chief Executive at Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers, a community interest company and trade association for adult social care. OACP represents and supports all settings and all conditions in social care including registered care services and community based provision.

Previously he led Dementia 4 Schools, an intergenerational dementia initiative working with 140+ schools across England to raise awareness of dementia and create a dementia friendly generation. This project was delivered in partnership with Department of Health, Angela Rippon OBE, Alzheimer's Society and countless local partners.

Previous work included Local Government Association-led support to the commissioning and development of **Healthwatch** by local government, and the creation and the development of **health and wellbeing boards**. Alongside this Eddy co-led a national project to aid the transition of ICAS to NHS complaints advocacy. Eddy co-authored and supported the development of 16 briefings as part of the LGA Healthwatch series.

Previously Eddy was the south east joint lead for Valuing People Now, and has over 25 years' experience working in local government.

A strong believer in community involvement, Eddy is active in his local area, and is Chair of Governors at his local primary school.



Veronica Cowdrey

Veronica handles Wills and advises parents and other relatives on structuring their estates to provide for children and other beneficiaries with disabilities.

She advises elderly clients on care fee funding and other financial matters and specialises in financial management for clients under a physical or mental disability, including those who have received damages awards.

She handles the preparation of lasting powers of attorney and the registration of and management of financial affairs under enduring and lasting powers of attorney. She also manages Court of Protection applications including applying for statutory Wills, lifetime gifts, exercise of trustee powers and she has had particular success in making applications for the appointment of welfare deputies where families are caring for adult children with disabilities.

Veronica qualified in 1979. She trained at Wedlake Bell where she also worked after qualifying. She joined the firm in 1995 and became an associate in 2001.

She is a member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners.