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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

**Question at Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Thank you for the question you submitted to the Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. I have set out your question and my response below.

***Carers at Gateway have expressed concerns over the support for their loved ones when they as carers pass away. What conversations have we had with care groups to develop support and policies for when such a sad occasion occurs?***

I can advise that Adult Social Care engages with carers regularly and during the assessment process, to plan for the future and ensure contingency arrangements are in place should the carer be unable to continue their caring role. This includes capturing the wishes of both the carer and cared for person, to understand what is important to them including issues relating to managing their money, future care and accommodation.

The service has recently been developing a new carers offer which will further build on the model currently in place. An engagement session is taking place on 9 October 2024 with carers, Crossroads and adult social care officers to review the proposed model and ensure that it supports carers needs moving forward. Planning for the future continues to be a core element of the new model.

Officers can arrange to meet with carers who are linked to Gateway specifically, to address their understandable concerns.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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