

THE LAVERSTOCK MEMORY SUPPORT GROUP

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Application for funding for The Laverstock Memory Support Group

Dear Karen

You have asked for a breakdown of the costs running the Group in support of our Application for funding.

As explained in the covering letter submitted with the application, in the last two years the total cost has been approximately £10,000 per year.

Although the detail is slightly different for the two years, on average they can be sub-divided as shown in the accompanying table. This is the most reliable basis for predicting the way costs are likely be shared in the coming year.

In each year about half of the cost has been covered by grant of £5,000 from Alzheimer's Support – our main sponsor.

In addition the Southern Area Board has given us two grants of £2,000, for which we are very grateful.

In the first year we wlsoc received a grant of £500 from the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council. They are unlikley to able to repeat this.

The funding we have received has left us with us with shortfalls.

So far we have been able to cover these by our own Fund Raising activities and donations from well wishers. These donations have included several *In Memoriam* gifts in recogniton of the support members of the Group and their families received from the Group while they were still living with dementia.

In the coming year, we would very much like to expand our work by inviting professionals who are involved in the care and support of people with dementia to visit the group.

These could include the following:

- a general practitioner,
- an occupational therapist,
- a physiotherapist,
- a clinical psychologist,
- a speech therapist for feeding advice,
- a chiropodist.

From the carers' point of view, it could be very helpful to use part of the time when they know the person with dementia is in the Memory Group to update themselves on available specialist help.

Visits like this can also help the professionals understand more about the needs of families affected by dementia.

We appreciate, however, that professionals require fees for their services and there are inevitably some costs in arranging the meetings and following them up.

Therefore we would be extremely grateful if the Southern Area Board could give us a grant £3,000 this year for this additional work. In our forecast for FY19/20 we have shown this as an extra contribution from the Board.

The forecast assumes that Alzheimer's Support will give us the same grant as in the last two years.

The forecast also shows the shortfalls that we hope will continue to be covered by gifts and possible fund raising. However, we need to bear in mind the enormous pressures our carers are already experiencing and do not feel we can ask too much of them.

Please also note that we have not made any adjustments for inflation and that in addition we have voluntary support from my husband, Dr John Bartlett, who works with the Carers' Group and does much of the administrative work in a voluntary capacity.

We are grateful for the support the Area Board has already given us and thank you for considering this application.

Yours sincerely

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