

NOTICE OF MOTION – MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE CHARTER

To consider the undersigned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor Nigel George and supported by the Members listed.

We the undersigned Elected Members request that Caerphilly County Borough Council adopt the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Charter to raise awareness internally and, ultimately, achieve better outcomes for people living with the disease.

MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord, attacking the nerves that control movement so muscles refuse to work. MND affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time and has no cure. It kills around a third of people within a year of diagnosis and more than half within two years.

The MND Charter is a statement of the respect, care and support that people living with MND and their carers deserve and should expect.

There are five points to the Charter:

1. The right to an early diagnosis and information
2. The right to access quality care and treatments
3. The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect
4. The right to maximise their quality of life
5. Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

Whilst the Council is not responsible for everything outlined in these five points, it is a significant part of the jigsaw. The Charter asks that every time a Councillor makes a decision, they think about the impact on people living with MND and their carers in the community. As such, it is important that Councillors and all those working for and with the Council, understand the needs of people with MND and their carers.

Adopting the Charter will mean that the Council agrees to:

- Promote the MND Charter as widely as possible
- Share the promotional materials – for example with Councillors, Council staff and Health and Social Care professionals who deliver services for the Council
- Consider other ways of working together to support people with MND.

The adoption of the Charter will be the first step in a lasting relationship between the Council and the Association to ensure people with MND get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

Signed:

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Cllr Nigel George

Confirmation of support sent by email:
April 2023