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**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE,  
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The following report, which was tabled at the meeting, is attached:

10. LINK Update

To receive an update from Bedfordshire LINK on local health matters affecting LINK activity as defined by the Health and Social Care Act 2001.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Overview and Scrutiny Team on Tel: 0300 300 5089.

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**Bedfordshire LINK Involvement /Key Pieces of Work-  
August 2011 – October 2011**

<b>Work Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Involvement</b>
Quarterly LINK Meeting with SEPT	17 August 2011	To hear updates from SEPT to do with MH and the bid to take over Bedfordshire Community health Services. To raise questions from the LINK in relation to these areas.
LINK Health Watch Group Meeting.	19 August 2011	Meets to address items on work plan in relation to Acute/Primary and Ambulance Trust issues.
HealthWatch Conference Planning Meeting	19 August 2011	CBC, LINK and host representatives met to plan the H/Watch Conference in September 2011.
LINK Social Care Working Group	24 August 2011	Meets to address items on the work plan in relation to social care. Current issues include planning to visit care/residential nursing homes in Central Beds. Concerns regarding lack of movement on Autism Strategy for Bedfordshire.
LINK visit to Cedar House and Fountains Court, MH bases, Bedford. (Central beds residents use these facilities.)	25 August 2011	Two members visited these facilities with a SEPT facilitator with particular focus on the care and dignity of residents. This piece of work is part of a bigger work item looking at the whole transformation of Mental Health Services in Bedfordshire/Luton.
LINK Mental Health & Learning Disabilities working group	31 August 2011	Meets to address items on MH and LD on the work plan. Particular work has been around the MH transformation agenda, autism and respite care. Concern has been expressed about the reduction in the number of respite beds across Bedfordshire.

<b>NHS You're Welcome Meeting</b>	<b>6 September 2011</b>	<b>LINK members and Chair attended this meeting where there was input from the Young Minds Project. The LINK particularly wishes to work with and connect with younger people.</b>
<b>LINK Board Meeting</b>	<b>16 September 2011</b>	<b>Members had discussions with Peter Howard, NHS Bedfordshire PALs and also met with Steve Morgan, Bedford Hospital.</b>
<b>Weller Wing Stakeholder Meeting</b>	<b>20 September 2011</b>	<b>Members and host attend this stakeholder group meeting concerned with issues service users raise about care on Weller Wing.</b>
<b>Meeting with Central Beds Council/LINK/Host</b>	<b>28 September 2011</b>	<b>To re-visit work plan and look at progress.</b>
<b>HealthWatch Stakeholder Conference</b>	<b>30 September 2011</b>	<b>The LINK and CBC worked together on the planning of this event to hear the views of people on shaping the HealthWatch for Central Bedfordshire.</b>
<b>Older People's Festival, Flitwick</b>	<b>7 October 2011</b>	<b>Host and LINK staffed a stall at the older people's festival to hear the views of older people and to give out information on the work of LINK.</b>
<b>Feedback meeting on LINK visits to SEPT bases with Governance Lead at SEPT</b>	<b>13 October 2011</b>	<b>LINK members, LINK Board Officer and host met with SEPT to go over the recent visit to MH bases and raise any items.</b>
<b>LINK Health Working Group</b>	<b>14 October 2011</b>	<b>As above.</b>
<b>Host Contract Review meeting</b>	<b>19 October 2011</b>	<b>The host, LINK representative and CBC met to look at progress on LINK work plan.</b>
<b>Scoping Hospital Discharge Planning</b>	<b>21 October 2011</b>	<b>Host and CBC Officers met to start a scoping project in relation to hospital discharge planning. This work has been discussed with the LINK and will form part of the LINK's work plan.</b>

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