
Meeting: Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 10 September 2009

Subject: Bedfordshire Local Involvement Network (LINK) Update

Report of: Bedfordshire LINK

Summary: The report provides Members with an update from Bedfordshire LINK, highlighting local health matters influencing LINK activity as defined by the Health and Social Care Act 2001.

Contact: Bob Smith, Interim Vice Chairman and Finance Officer, Bedfordshire LINK.

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: n/a

Key Decision n/a

Reason for urgency/ Exemption from call-in (if appropriate) n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee note the contents of this report for information.**

Reason for Recommendation: So that Members of Joint Health & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee are aware of the work undertaken by Bedfordshire LINK.

Current LINK Activity

1. None of the Working Groups have met during August. However, all are scheduled to meet in September.
2. Contact has been made with the Director of East of England's (EoE) Specialist Commissioning Group. He is keen to give a presentation to the EoE LINKs Regional Network (made up of 9 LINK organisations) in October 2009. The SCG have a budget of approximately £700m that represents 10% of total NHS healthcare spend in this region.

3. The next meeting of the EoE LINKs Regional Network is on 21 September 2009. One of the key issues is with regard to hospital Discharge Planning of cross boarder patients. The integration of health and social care is a challenge in such cases.
4. On 23 August there was another LINKs Network group workshop that included LINKs from Luton, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire. Again one of the concerns was with Discharge Planning of cross boarder patients

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS
<p>Council Priorities: n/a</p> <p>Financial: n/a</p> <p>Legal: n/a</p> <p>Risk Management: n/a</p> <p>Staffing (including Trades Unions): n/a</p> <p>Equalities/Human Rights: n/a</p> <p>Community Development/Safety: n/a</p> <p>Sustainability: n/a</p>