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**Meeting:** Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 3 December 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.

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**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

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#### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

**Council Priorities:**

n/a

**Financial:**

n/a

**Legal:**

n/a

**Risk Management:**

n/a

**Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

n/a

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

n/a

**Community Development/Safety:**

n/a

**Sustainability:**

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.

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**Current LINK Activity**

1. Mr Patrick Hall MP for Bedford and Kempston as Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Patient and Public Involvement in Health has invited a member of the Bedfordshire LINK to the next Parliamentary meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December following his presentation to the LINK Board on 30<sup>th</sup> October.
2. As a result of a previous OSC meeting, NHS Bedfordshire, have added Carers' Cards and Safeguarding Adults checks into the Performance Framework visits to GPs practices.
3. It is now understood that Bedford Borough are keen to establish their own LINK organisation sooner than the majority of the present LINK membership wished. The 'split' is likely to occur early in 2010.
4. A note of thanks has been received by Bedfordshire LINK from The Skin Care Campaign for the excellent participation by Bedfordshire LINK in the recent stakeholder event concerning the redesign of dermatology care.
5. Bedfordshire LINK has also made a difference within the East of England NHS Ambulance Trust on two issues: Arrival (emergency call) at home where carer is blind; Transport arrangements for someone who is deemed to be overweight.