
Meeting: Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 2 March 2010

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, Acting Chairman and Finance Officer, Bedfordshire LINK.

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: n/a

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.

Current LINK Activity

1. Working Group meetings:
 - Social Care 20th January
 - Joint LINK Mental Health Focus Group 25th January
 - Mental Health & Learning Disabilities 5th February
 - Joint LINK Mental Health Focus Group 10th February
 - Acute & Ambulance Services 12th February
 - Primary Care 15th February
2. NHS Meetings
 - NHS Bedfordshire Board Meeting 27th January
 - NHS East of England Planned Care Programme Board 28th January
 - West Mid Bedfordshire PBC 2nd February
 - East of England Specialist Commissioning Group 5th February
 - Bedford Hospital, Director of Operations regarding proposed Bedfordshire LINK survey of Bedoc/A&E patients.
 - Tabish Saad, NHS Bedfordshire regarding research on migrant health in Bedfordshire 10th February
 - East of England Specialist Commissioning Board 10th February
 - PEAT Inspection, Archer Unit Bedford Hospital 11th February
3. Other meetings
 - LINK Board 21st January
 - COPD Event – LINK attendance

- Heart Failure Event – LINK attendance
- East of England LINKs Network 25th January
- Central Bedfordshire's 3rd Sector Assembly Event 3rd February
- Jo Neil, Senior Research Fellow, Bedford University regarding research project on Adult Social Care.
- Meeting with Frank Toner, Executive Director of Adult Social Care, Bedford Borough 12 February