
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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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 Social Care Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee are aware of the work undertaken by Bedfordshire LINK.

Current LINK Activity

1. Working Group meetings:
 - a. Acute Services Working Group 12th March
 - b. Primary Care Working Group 15th March
 - c. Social Care Working Group 22nd March
2. Other meetings
 - a. SHA Long Term Conditions Service Users Group 16th February
 - b. National Hip Fracture Database (NHFD) Regional Meeting 17th February
 - c. Working Together, Mental Health 22nd February
 - d. LINK Board 23rd February and 26th March
 - e. Supporting people with Dementia 25th February
 - f. East of England LINKs Network Chairs 1st March
 - g. SHA LINK representatives training day for Clinical Programme Boards 11th March
 - h. NHFD Steering Group meeting at RNOH Stanmore 23 March
3. Bedford Borough is to establish their LINK on 1st April but it has neither elected its officers, established its committee nor has the handover from Voluntary Action Luton to Age Concern Bedfordshire taken place.
4. A piece of work by a Bedfordshire LINK member has been accepted by the British Orthopaedic Association for publication on their website. The work emphasises joint working between health and social care. It is "Guidance For Elderly Patients With Hip Fractures - Expectations of Elderly Orthopaedic Patients who have broken their hip". The National Clinical Director for Trauma Care who is charged with writing government policy is to discuss it with the Department of Health for their endorsement and integrate it into commissioner guidance