
Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 5th June 2010

Report of: Bob Smith, Finance Officer, Bedfordshire Local Involvement Network (LINK).

Summary: Update of Bedfordshire LINK activity.

NOTE: Information only

1. Working Group meetings:

- a. Primary Care Working Group, 11th May
- b. Acute/Ambulance Working Group, 14th May
- c. Mental Health & Learning Disabilities Working Group, 18th May
- d. Social Care Working Group, 28th May with Paul Groom and Lorraine Morrissey, Commissioning (Care Home Contracts)

2. NHS Meetings

- a. Clinical Governance and Quality meeting, 20th May
- b. Joint LINKs Mental Health Focus Group meeting with Debbie Dunning, PPI lead for SEPT, 24th May
- c. NHS Bedfordshire PEC Meetings. 5th May and 2nd June

3. Other meetings

- a. LINK Host/ Central Bedfordshire Contract Review meeting, 13th May
- b. Central Bedfordshire Access Group meeting, 18th May
- c. FallingShort Conference. 19th May
- d. New LINK member induction training, 19th May
- e. Familiarisation meeting, Substance Misuse Clinic, 20th May
- f. Bedfordshire LINK Mental Health Discussion Day in partnership with Central Bedfordshire and SEPT, 26th May
- g. Bedfordshire LINK Board Meeting, Annual Report agreed, 27th May
- h. Stakeholder meeting Weller Wing, Bedford Hospital, 1st June
- i. Bedfordshire LINK at Volunteer Fair in Luton, 3rd June

4. Other matters

- a. At the Bedfordshire LINK meeting on 27th May, Max Coleman was elected Chairman and Ray Gunning as Vice Chairman. Bob Smith remains as Finance Officer.
- b. It is understood that the Bedford Borough LINK will hold a meeting on 21st June to elect its officers for the Board/Steering Group. It is intended that there will be quarterly meetings of the Chairs of the 3 LINKs, CB, BB and Luton, in order to facilitate co-ordination in their activities.
- c. There has been some pressure on Bedfordshire LINK to change its name to Central Bedfordshire. The members of Bedfordshire LINK have voted to keep the original name. A budget costing should this change be forced on the LINK would approximately equal the underspend resulting from the previous financial year. This underspend, it is understood, is to be acquired by Central Bedfordshire.