

## Agenda Item

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Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010

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

Summary: Update of Bedfordshire LINK activity.

NOTE: Information only

**a. Working Group meetings:**

a. Acute, Ambulance & Primary Care Working Group 20<sup>th</sup> August

**b. NHS Meetings**

a. NHS Bedfordshire (NHSB) Board Meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> July

b. NHSB Clinical Governance & Quality Group, 22<sup>nd</sup> July

c. Horizon Urgent Care Strategy review by the Office for the Government for Commerce, 28<sup>th</sup> July

d. Weller Wing Stakeholder meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> August

**c. Other meetings**

a. Task Group response to Quality Accounts from Bedfordshire Communities Health Service (BCHS), 19<sup>th</sup> July

b. Leighton Linlade Town Council Health Sub-Committee, 20<sup>th</sup> July

c. LINK Presentation to Carers' Forum, Chicksands, 29<sup>th</sup> July

d. LINK Board meeting followed by AGM, 30<sup>th</sup> July

e. Linlade Canal Festival

f. Bedfordshire & Luton Divestment (BCHS) Stakeholder meeting 13<sup>th</sup> August

g. White Paper Task Group, 20<sup>th</sup> August

h. Enter & View Training, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**d. Other matters**

a. The response to the DH White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' is under consideration. The first meeting took place on 20<sup>th</sup> August and a further meeting is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Establishing HealthWatch is also included. LINK Board and members are contributing to the response. A response from the author is attached.

b. A letter has been written, 13<sup>th</sup> August, by the Chairman of Bedfordshire LINK to both Bedford and Luton LINKs in order to establish regular network meetings of Chairs and Vice Chairs in future.