

**BEDFORDSHIRE LINK (covering Central Bedfordshire)
Involvement/ Key pieces of work - November 2011**

WORK ITEM	DATE	INVOLVEMENT
LINK Mental Health & Learning Disabilities working group	1 November 2011	Speaker : Helen Robinson, Head of Occupational Therapy, SEPT. Invited Helen following concerns about activities for MH service users in recovery.
New Member Induction	4 November 2011	Individual induction carried out. New member's interest is in social care.
Shadow Health & Well Being Board	10 November 2011	LINK Chairman in attendance to feedback to the LINK.
LINK Board meet to discuss moving towards HealthWatch	11 November 2011	This was a closed LINK Board meeting to discuss a proposal for moving towards HealthWatch.
L&D Patient Experience Seminar	16 November 2011	The host manager attended on behalf of the LINK. Useful seminar, which showed the challenges faced by staff trying to meet the needs of patients. Highlighted L&D's Patient First Initiative.
New Member Induction	17 November 2011	Individual induction carried out. Member interested in L&D Hospital issues and mental health.
LINK Board meeting	18 November 2011	Closed Board meeting. Concerns about one Trust's lack of response to questions/concerns raised by the LINK. <i>LINK has a statutory right to a response for information within 20 days.</i> In this

		situation Bedford Hospital has failed to respond to questions raised in July 2010 despite a series of e-mailed reminders and reminders to BH staff attending LINK meetings.
LINK visit to Barford Avenue & Day Resource Centre – mental health bases. <i>(Two trained enter & view members attended with another LINK member observing.)</i>	23 November 2011	A continuation of LINK workplan to visit MH bases. This was to observe activities organised for service users and to speak to service users.
LINK Social Care Working Group	25 November 2011 (am)	The focus is now on independent visits to care/nursing homes. Group also considered report by LINK representative attending SOVA Committee meetings.
LINK Enter & View Project Task Group	25 November 2011 (pm)	First meeting of the E&V PTG formed to plan visits to care/nursing homes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Project Plan and Terms of Reference. • Group have also considered delivering enter & view training to other members themselves as many of the group are very experienced.

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