

Darlington LINK
Minutes of the Core Group Meeting held on 19th October 2010 at 14:00pm
Redworth room eVOLution

Present:	P Bell	-	Chair
	B Hoy	-	Core Group
	J Hesford	-	Core Group (PALS)
	B Morehead	-	Core Group
	E Roebuck	-	Core Group (GADD)
Apologies:	D Cowley	-	Core Group
	M Cran	-	Core Group
	D Collins	-	Core Group
	T Taylor	-	Vice Chair
	J Thurkettle	-	Core Group
	R McKenna	-	Core Group
	N Town	-	Core Group
	A Lax	-	Core Group
	J Bolton	-	Core Group
	P Freitag	-	Core Group
	J Vincent	-	Core Group
	A Goldie	-	Community Engagement Worker (CF)
In Attendance:	D Lax	-	Team Leader (CF)
	S Wilkinson	-	NE LINK Lead

Introduction and Welcome

Paul welcomed the group and a full round of introductions be done. Stephen Wilkinson North East LINK coordinator introduced himself and gave an overview of the progress of the white paper 'Liberating the NHS', and about new consultations that will be coming out shortly. These include papers around Public Health and Social Care. Discussions took place about the opportunities LINK has to establish itself even more with a stronger voice within Health and Social Care. As preparation for the transformation from LINK to HealthWatch begins members need to consider and prepare themselves for these developments. Members also need to be request involvement with Practice Based Commissioning board and the new health board as and when it is set up.

Emma Roebuck Gay Advice Darlington /Durham

Emma from (Gay Advice Darlington/Durham) GADD introduced herself and her role within GADD giving an overview of the services they proved. Emma also confirmed the opportunity that LINK has to move things forward with regards to LINK becoming HealthWatch. Emma also offered to do some training with members around the new Equalities Bill.

Minutes of Last Meeting and Action Points

- Sub regional mental health meeting taking place on 25th October at the fire station.
- Learning Disabilities questionnaire Andrea has advised the partnership board that this will go out to the UBU group to complete via Jacqui Vincent.

- Liberating the NHS white paper consultation completed and sent to Department of health.

Minutes of 23rd September confirmed as true reflection.

Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest

Feedback from Meetings Attended

'NEAS'

Bill gave an overview of the last North East Ambulance meeting. Full minutes can be obtained from the office if required.

Diane advised that NEAS have asked if the group would like to visit the ambulance services 111 call centre, anyone interested gave names to Diane.

Requests from Emma, Betty and Paul and preferred date 8th December.

'Eating Well in Later Life'

Paul attended a meeting held by Age UK where a nutritionist from Darlington/County Durham NHS gave information about eating in later life, the effects that medication can have on eating habits and how colour can affect what people eat. Paul advised that it was very informative and was well attended.

'Single Equality'

Betty attended this meeting as a governor of NHS Foundation Trust, she advised that it was a consultation on how the trust is to consider their compliance with the new equalities Act 2010.

Communication Update Andrea-Diane feedback on behalf of Andrea

Anyone interested or needs information on any of the below please contact the office.

Mental Health Sub Regional meeting 25th Oct

Regional Chair meeting 8th November

NHS Innovation Awards 10th November

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 1st November

Connect with your MP training sessions 26th November

Work Planning

'GP Task Group'

Awaiting a response from four GP practices about minutes of the meetings held. From the information received the task group agreed to work on the communications between GP and Consultants. Andrea has contacted Verna Fee from PCT as we are aware that work is being carried out and do not want to duplicate work.

'Stroke Task Group'

Meeting held in September and updates were given with regards to quality markers and progress made with the pathway of care it was agreed that a further update would take place in January.

'Mental Health Task Group'

Sub regional meeting taking place on 25th October to discuss Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust Crisis Team Services and the work already carried out with

Hartlepool LINK. Darlington Borough Council are currently reviewing day care services and have requested that Darlington LINK compile some independent information about these services.

'Communications Task Group'
Group have not met so no updates at present

Host Update

Coffee morning Harrogate Hill Methodist Church Hall Lawson Street Darlington 10am 6th November.

Notification of new pharmacy application to open a shop in Mowden.

Care Quality Commission have sent notification of the closure of 34 care homes and 8 care agencies ahead of tough new registration system. None of these were in the North East for full details go to www.cqc.org.uk

Any Other Business

No other business meeting closed.

Future Dates and Times

All meetings will be held at evolution Church Row Darlington

Wednesday	17 th	November	14.00 till 16.00	eVOLution
Thursday	16 th	December	18.00 till 20.00	eVOLution

Minutes taken by Carers Federation, host organisation for Darlington LINK

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Actions

Group to look at ways to move forward from LINK to HealthWatch look at development days, training days. To be discussed at next core group meeting.