

## **Darlington Local Involvement Network (LINK)**

### **GP Task Group Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Present:- Terry Taylor, Paul Bell, Doug Cowley, Betty Hoy, Michelle Thompson and Jackie Vincent (UBU)**

**In attendance: Diane Lax (Team Leader Carers Federation)**

**Apologies:- Jean Thurkettle, Audrey Lax, Mark Cran, and Peter Freitag.**

#### **Welcome and Matters arising from 11<sup>th</sup> Feb meeting.**

Diane advised the group of what actions had been taken since the last meeting.

Letter sent requesting appointment with practice personnel to discuss report.

5 responses and dates received.

Follow up letter thanking the 5 and reminder letter sent to the other 6.

The group then discussed the questions and amended some of the information. The group was reminded that they can only ask questions that are relevant to the report. All members were asked to read the report again taking particular notice of the conclusions, recommendation and next steps as this is the information we have got.

Times, dates and who will be attending for the first 5 practices.

7<sup>th</sup> April Moorlands – Michelle, Betty and Andrea

8<sup>th</sup> April Clifton Court – Betty Paul and Andrea

27<sup>th</sup> April Neasham – Michelle, Terry and Andrea

28<sup>th</sup> April Park Place – Michelle, Terry and Andrea

11<sup>th</sup> May Blacketts – Michelle Doug and Andrea

Paul also advised that if anyone cannot make it he will be reserve. Andrea will be in attendance to take all notes.

Michelle will compile the 4 main questions that will be asked from the group discussion. The group have agreed for those attending the meetings that they should meet 30 minutes prior to discuss who will lead.

Jaqui advised that due to work constraints she has not been able to look into redoing the learning disability questionnaire as yet, she has got the questions and she will try and sort something as soon as possible.

### **Next Steps**

Diane to continue to chase the other 6 GP surgeries in order to make appointment to discuss report.

### **Any Other Business**

Doug advised the group about a recent newspaper article and bulletin on the national news about Darlington's almost bottom position in a national survey on out of hours GP services. Doug is going to do some research and draft a letter for the task group to approve and look at sending it to the PCT for comment or action taken.

No other business.

### **Future Dates and Times**

20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 1-2pm LINK office Evolution.

Minutes taken by Carers Federation, host organisation for Darlington LINK

