

## County Durham LINK Management Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Monday 15th February 2010  
St Cuthberts Hospice, Durham, DH1 3QF

		ACTION
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> David Haw (Chair), Peter Wilkinson, Colin Burton, Mary Mitchell, Audrey Chapman, Betty Carr, Michael Dalton, Malcolm Harrison, Jim Welch</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Julia Catherall (minutes), Alesha Aljeffri, Clare Sandford, John Hudson (Enter and View Representative)</p>	JC
2.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Jim Rochester, Malcolm Fallow, Peter Irving (Vice Chair)</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b></p> <p>A slight name change was made to page 4 of the minutes.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters arising not on the agenda:</b></p> <p>Dave Haw welcomed John Hudson to the meeting who is an Enter and View Representative.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next management committee meeting in March a review of the LINK work plan will take place in the first hour and will then revert back to the normal management committee meeting in the second hour. Dave asked the group to read through any agenda items and if there were any concerns or issues those would be brought up in the last hour of the meeting.</p> <p>Liz Greer is going to approach the members within the Talking Therapies group to see who would like to attend the IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) Steering Group meeting.</p> <p>Alesha is still waiting to here from Jeremy Brock from Durham County Council with regards to the Good Scrutiny awards.</p> <p>Intermediate Care Strategy – a letter has been sent to Colin Carter (Durham County Council)</p>	
5.	<p><b>LINK Work Plan update:</b></p> <p>Seizing the Future/Stroke – Clare has chased David Gallagher with regards to the response to the Community Stroke Services</p>	

letter that Dave has written. The Seizing the Future group met last week and a number of questions have been put together in a letter. It was agreed that the group would hold back on sending the letter out until the Oversight Board met this afternoon. Dave asked if Clare would ask if what they intend to do, matches the national agenda? Clare to write a small paragraph as to what is said at the meeting and send it out to Management Committee members after the meeting.

North Easington Mental Health Services – Peter Irving was unfortunately unable to make the management committee meeting to give an update. A response has been received from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley with regards to the letter that was sent concerning transport issues to Lanchester Road. The final report from Lanchester Road is still waiting to be received. There was also a suggestion made that Enter and View representatives may want to revisit the Clozapine Clinic, now that it has moved sites to see how service users have been affected by the change.

A response to the letter that had been sent to Verna Fee from NHS County Durham concerning the inpatient mental health services. This letter stated that mental health is still exempt from patient choice.

Momentum – Dave is attending a meeting at Stockton LINK tomorrow to discuss Momentum. The issues that will be raised will be concerning transport.

Special Interest Group update – Codeaf – Alesha mentioned that 2 meetings with CoDeaf have taken place. The first was to discuss the format for the meeting to be held in February with the Equality and Diversity lead from NHS County Durham. Unfortunately the lead on Equality and Diversity was unable to attend and Verna Fee attended in her place on the 9<sup>th</sup> to field any questions/issues that the group wanted to raise. The start of the meeting was introduced with no signers to make people aware of what it would be like if they had a hearing impairment. Jim Welch commented that the group needed to be aware in the future that there may be service users who were both visually and hearing impaired attending meetings. At the meeting it was agreed that Verna would be in contact with Codeaf. A log is going to be implemented by Verna so that people in the community could feed into as to what was happening which should raise awareness.

Children and Young People – A response letter from Simon Featherstone from NEAS (North East Ambulance Service) has

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	<p>been received apologising for the time it has taken to arrange for a group of young people to visit NEAS. A date has now being arranged during the Easter holidays where young people will visit the NEAS site. Dave suggested asking young people in schools how they could access services. Groundworks have Youth drop in centres in the Easington and Newton Aycliffe area. It was suggested that some work could be done on how their service is run and what the young people wanted. Audrey mentioned a new campaign that has just been released which mentions young girls aged between 13 and 17 years being physically abused by their boyfriends.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Enter and View:</b> Alesha advised the group that the last Enter and View meeting discussed the safeguarding issue surrounding a residential care home and how the issue was handled.</p>	
7.	<p><b>AGM Feedback Review:</b> The AGM feedback review meeting had to be cancelled last week. Alesha asked the group if any of the management committee were willing to stay after the meeting for an hour to discuss the feedback comments from the AGM and to discuss the role of the district representatives.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b> Briefing paper from Durham County Council – Personal Care – Dave mentioned the white paper that was sent out to the management committee. No comments were received regarding the paper. Dave mentioned that Durham County Council may come back to him to say that no comments were received. It was suggested that in future members would respond back even if there were no comments to be given.</p> <p>Joint Protocol – This will be signed off on the 25th February. Colin Burton and Betty Carr are to attend at Dave is on holiday.</p> <p>Consultation on CHRE’s (Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence) Revised Performance Review Process and Standards of Good Regulation – It was agreed to send this consultation out to the LINK membership and from that pull a working group together of those who are interested.</p> <p>Urology Services – A letter has been received from Verna Fee at NHS County Durham and Darlington with regards to the Urology services in County Durham. In conjunction to this a copy of a letter that had been received by Sunderland LINK regarding the waiting times at Sunderland Royal Hospital was also discussed. Dave asked that a letter is written to NHS County Durham with a</p>	AA

<p>copy of the letter to Sunderland LINK asking why County Durham residence is getting a worse service than Sunderland and why.</p> <p>Alesha mentioned that at the last regional LINK meeting they asked if any of the management committee would be interested in doing some media training. Mary Mitchell, Audrey Chapman, Colin Burton and Michael Dalton are interested.</p> <p>John Hudson asked how the coffee mornings were going as he attended the one in Durham and there were only a few people there. Clare mentioned that the best one so far was Newton Aycliffe however the snow prevented people attending the one in the Derwentside area. They are still 6 coffee mornings still to take place but new members have been recruited and new ideas have also been generated for the workplan.</p> <p>Peter Wilkinson mentioned the discussion that took place at the recent Countywide Mental Health Forum meeting that he attends. There are issues surrounding the Lanchester Road hospital and how the wards are locked preventing patients to access the outside, sometimes there can be a delay of up to ¾ hour. He mentioned that the issue has been raised with the hospital. Peter will keep the management committee informed of any outcome.</p> <p>Betty Carr mentioned that she enjoyed the Management Information day and that it would be useful to have the same speakers to talk to the wider membership. Alesha pointed out that similar information days have always been organised for the wider membership and that there is one currently being arranged for the end of March. Betty also mentioned that she had been approached by Shelly Dyson who is a Clinical lead for unscheduled care to ask if she could sit on this group. Betty to give Alesha more details about the group but there was no problem with her attending.</p> <p>Mary Mitchell asked what has been happening with Rural Health. Alesha to contact Mathew Thomas regarding the evaluation report from the Rural Health Week activities.</p> <p>Mary also mentioned that she was concerned that on the map for GP Patient Forums they seemed to be nothing located for the Teesdale area.</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>AA</p>
<p><b>Items to be signed off:</b> Income and Expenditure for Quarter 3. This was agreed.</p>	

	<b>Date of next meeting:</b>	
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- 15th March 2010 – St Cuthberts Hospice, Durham, DH1 3QF. 10am start and to finish with a buffet lunch at 12 noon.