

County Durham LINK Management Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Monday 18th January 2010
St Cuthberts Hospice, Durham, DH1 3QF

		ACTION
1.	<p>Present: David Haw (Chair), Peter Irving (Vice Chair), Peter Wilkinson, Colin Burton, Mary Mitchell, Audrey Chapman, Malcolm Fallow, Betty Carr, Michael Dalton</p> <p>In Attendance: Julia Catherall (minutes), Alesha Aljeffri, Clare Sandford, Colin Carter (Adults and Well Being Officer, Durham County Council)</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies: Jim Welch, Jim Rochester, Malcolm Harrison</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: Approved and agreed as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising not on the agenda:</p> <p>Dave Haw welcomed Betty Carr and Michael Dalton, Chair of the Enter and View as newly co-opted members to the Management Committee. He also thanked Colin Carter from Durham County Council who was invited along to the meeting as an observer.</p> <p>A letter has been sent to Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust regarding the Clozapine Clinic and a response is awaited.</p> <p>A letter has gone out to the LINK membership advising them of the revised Code of Conduct which no longer refers to the Disciplinary Procedure but now shows a revised list of sanctions, which are a formal caution, suspension of membership from all or some LINK activities and removal of membership. Host is currently waiting responses.</p>	
	<p>Work plan Review to go onto the agenda for February.</p>	Host
5.	<p>LINK Work Plan update:</p> <p>North Easington Mental Health Services – Peter Irving gave an update from the 3 meetings that he had attended last week. He mentioned the big changes that are to take place at Lanchester Road Hospital. He said that the building is very spectacular which moved there on the 5th January. He was shown around the</p>	

<p>hospital by Terry Sharky from Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust. Peter was concerned that when they were shown around the patients were locked in and one patient seemed to be concerned as he was not able to get out of the ward to go outside to have a cigarette. A swipe card was needed to get out of the ward. Peter felt that it created violence if locked in. Michael Dalton mentioned that at the Clozapine Clinic visit it came across very strongly that service users were concerned about transport issues to Lanchester Road Hospital as there are various buses that people will need to get on to access the hospital. Peter went on to say that at the North End Clozapine Clinic, people have a choice over what clinic they can go to. David asked Peter if anyone asked about patient choice. Peter said that it does not apply to mental health patients. Dave suggested writing a letter to the Department of Health asking if patient choice for Mental Health services also applies to patients in care who have not been sectioned. A report from the visits should be completed at the end of the month via Overview and Scrutiny. Once the report is available, a copy is to be given to the Management committee.</p>	<p>Host</p>
<p>Seizing the Future – Clare gave an update and mentioned that the letter regarding how the implementation of Seizing the future is progressing had been received from Stephen Eames. David Gallagher was going to write back to David Haw regarding Community Stroke Services. Marilyn Weerasinghe attended the last Oversight Board meeting regarding the closure of the Acute Services. Marilyn did not bring this issue up at the meeting. Clare is concerned that no one is attending the meetings and bringing issues up that are needed. The overview meetings are bi monthly now and it was agreed that Clare could attend the meetings as Malcolm Harrison has now withdrawn. A follow up with working group members will need to be carried out to address lack of attendance at meetings</p>	<p>Host</p>
<p>Stroke – Mary was concerned about the information on Stroke services and how it was fitting in. Clare suggested having a meeting before the next Seizing the Future Oversight board meeting and contacting Darlington LINK to see if they wanted to be involved. A suggestion was to ask if David Gallagher from NHS County Durham would come to the next Seizing the Future meeting to raise issues with him before the next Oversight meeting.</p>	<p>Clare S</p>
<p>Talking Therapies – Alesha discussed the response letter from Anna Lynch (Acting Executive Director of Public Health for NHS</p>	

	County Durham and NHS Darlington) who has invited a member of the LINK to attend the IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) Steering Group. Liz to source a candidate from within the working group	Liz G
6.	<p>Enter and View: Alesha advised the group that Louise Lyons and Lee Alexander from Durham County Council were going to attend the Enter and View meeting to provide an overview of how contracts are monitored and evaluated. The meeting was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather and with this in mind another meeting is being arranged where both Enter and View and Management Committee members will be invited to. Michael Dalton had spoken to the rest of the Enter and View group and a lot of people have concerns regarding the letter received from the Lee Alexander (Safeguarding and Practice Development Manager) regarding the issues raised with St. Dave said that the letters regarding a residential care home should have gone through to the Adult Protection Team in the first instance. Michael Dalton asked when the Enter and View could go into this home and do an Enter and View visit and make recommendations. Dave suggested that Enter and View representatives should view Cherry Knowle Hospital, Lanchester Road and North Durham while the residential care home situation is sorted out. A meeting is currently being arranged to look at how LINK and Durham County Council work together with Commissioners. Louise Lyons, Melanie Campbell and Colin Carter from Durham County Council to be invited to meet with Michael Dalton, Colin Burton supported by Alesha.</p>	Alesha A
7.	<p>The Centre of Public Scrutiny – Good Scrutiny Awards: Alesha went through the letter that the Host had received to ask if they wanted to be entered for one of the Good Scrutiny Awards. Alesha has contacted Jeremy Brock (Health Scrutiny Liaison Manager NHS County Durham/Durham County Council) to see if LINK could submit a joint piece of work. Awaiting a response</p>	Alesha
8.	<p>Consultations: Care Quality Commission – A small working group is to be pulled together providing feedback to the Care Quality Commission on local NHS Trusts on the 1st March to include Enter and View and Management Committee representatives and Liz Greer.</p> <p>Pharmacy applications – Dave mentioned that at the Chairs meetings that he attends, other LINKs have stated that they are making extensive comments on commercial applications from Pharmacies. It was agreed that it would be more pertinent to be</p>	

	<p>involved with commenting on the closures of any pharmacies with County Durham. Dave suggested writing a letter to NHS County Durham asking that when pharmacies are going to close for the LINK to be informed along with the reasons.</p>	Alesha
9	<p>Any Other Business: Management Committee Information Days – suggestions and ideas for future meetings - The next management committee information day is to be held on Tuesday 26th January 2010 with guest speakers from the North East Ambulance Service and Momentum.</p> <p>Suggestions regarding ideas for future information days came from Mary who suggested the Intergrated Care Organisation and an organisation from Sedgefield called Sharp and Practice based commissioning. Malcolm Fallow suggested the Chair of Chairs practice based commissioner called Joseph Chandi based in Easington. Michael suggested a talk on the changes to the ambulance cover in the Dales.</p> <p>Coffee mornings – Clare told the group that all the coffee mornings had been booked. A visual display of some of the workplan issues will be taken to the coffee mornings. She mentioned that a summary could be done beforehand for the management committee reps. Volunteers are attending each of the events.</p> <p>Intermediate Care Strategy – Alesha discussed the issue that Mary raised about the strategy meetings not being held in the Dales area. An email had been received stating that the information had been circulated to the Durham Rural Community Council and Durham Dales Integrated Care Organisation. Dave suggested writing a letter to Colin Carter from Durham County Council asking how they are going to have a single assessment, if there are additional resources put in place to support this happening and will any services that will be withdrawn.</p> <p>South of Tyne and Wear NHS Trust – An invite had been received to ask if 2 LINK members would like to be involved in being part of the information group. Expressions of interest have been received from George Porter and agreement was that George would attend with the support of the Host.</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment – Alesha asked the Management Committee to approve if another meeting to discuss this could be arranged with Peter Irving, Malcolm Harrison, Jim Rochester, Jim Welch.</p>	Alesha

	<p>Colin thanked the Host staff for their support during the last month.</p> <p>Malcolm F mentioned that the next Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting is to be held on the 28th January. He said that he would keep the group informed of any issues.</p> <p>Audrey advised the group that the next Carers Strategy meeting is to be held on the 19th January at County Hall.</p> <p>Michael Dalton is pleased that he is able to attend the management committee meetings but has concerns regarding the constitution. Dave mentioned that as 2 members have been co opted on to the management committee and changes will need to be made to the constitution for the next AGM to formalise this.</p> <p>Clare reminded everyone that if they are attending meetings could they send feedback forms in to ensure that the Host has a record of who is attending and what is being discussed. Julia to email a copy of the feedback form to Malcolm F and Audrey.</p> <p>Mary expressed a concern over the Intermediate Care Strategy saying that they now need to listen. Responses to letters that are sent are chased if not responded to within 20 days.</p> <p>Betty thanked the Management Committee for asking her to attend the meetings.</p>	<p>Julia C</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th February 2010 – St Cuthberts Hospice, Durham, DH1 3QF. 10am start and to finish with a buffet at 12 noon. 	