

COUNTY DURHAM LINK

RESIDENTIAL CARE WORKING GROUP 1 March 2010 in Crook

LINK members attending

Doreen Sadler, Tony Elliott, Michael Dalton, Agnes Armstrong, John Hudson, Jim Welch, Michael Hemingway, Betty Carr, Mary Mitchell, Sheila Grant, Colin Burton, Margaret Chappell, Kevin Ashburn, Linda Robinson, Lillian Nicholls, George Porter

Facilitator Liz Greer

1.	Welcome & introductions –first meeting of the Group	
2.	Substantial discussion about the role of the Group and range of issues and concerns about residential care services in the County were discussed.	
3.	<p>The Care Quality Commission (CQC) are seeking feedback from LINKs by 31 March 2010 about individual providers of social care prior to assessment of their registration applications. This includes residential care providers so is an important opportunity for members to offer their feedback to the CQC.</p> <p>Because the timescale is so tight, it is not feasible to run a consultation event but members can respond direct to CQC as an individual LINK member. This process is being co-ordinated organised by the CQC Working Group who will also reconvene late March to draft a LINK response . Anything this Working Group would like them to include should be forwarded to them via Liz Greer or PCP</p>	CQC Working Group/Liz Greer
4.	<p>Proposed closure of residential care homes in County Durham. Rachel Shimmin, Corporate Director, Adults, Wellbeing and Health at Durham County Council has invited LINK as a stakeholder to comment on the proposed closures. This is in addition to any member of the LINK who may wish to offer individual feedback. The closing date for all feedback is 30 April 2010. Options for member consultation to be discussed with PCP and LINK management committee with update at next meeting.</p>	Liz Greer
5.	Date of next meeting – 12 April 2010 10-12 am Bowburn Community Centre.	

Liz Greer

Consultant working on behalf of County Durham LINK 10 March 2010