



**COUNTY DURHAM LINK**

**Dementia Working Group Meeting Notes  
29 March 2010 in Barnard Castle**

LINK members attending

Colin Burton, Pamela Spurrell, Brewis Henderson George Porter, Reg Davison

Apologies : Carole Barker, Mike English, David Biermann, Tony Elliott

Facilitator Liz Greer

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>1. Welcome &amp; round table introductions-group welcomed Reg to his first meeting. One of the Groups Reg is involved with is Years Ahead &amp; he will ask them if they are interested in offering feedback. More info on years ahead at <a href="http://www.yearsahead.org.uk/">http://www.yearsahead.org.uk/</a></p> <p>George Porter circulated information from a RESEC conference on priorities in dementia research</p>	
<p>2. Update on notes from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colin &amp; Pam still waiting to hear about Home Group arrangements from Lynn Oliver week of 26 April. Liz to chase up with Lynn</li> <li>• May be worth making contact with Liz Shaw who leads on TEWV patient involvement –invite to future meeting?</li> <li>• Agreed that we will invite Lynn &amp; Alison to provide us with an update on progress with the pathway for our meeting in May ;we'd also like to know where the pilot sites are</li> </ul>	<p>Liz</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>Liz</p>
<p>3. <b>National Dementia Strategy &amp; Mental Health services Implementation plan for 2009-14 from County Durham Council</b></p> <p>We discussed the strategy and identified a number of questions we'd like answered from the implementation plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More information about mental health first aid</li> <li>• Colin to find out more about dementia care pathway pilot taking place in Derwentside</li> <li>• We need to establish where people get information about dementia from-</li> </ul>	

<p>seems that mostly they are directed to the Alzheimer's Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need feedback about the training events for GPs on early intervention following Sedgefield &amp; Easington training – can we get info from GP forums?</li> <li>• There is no lead organisation for item 3 on good quality information –no action plan –more detail needed</li> <li>• We need to know where the 3 dementia cafes actually are and where the fourth will be plus more on use of memory boxes.</li> <li>• Since mention is made of carers centres-does this cross—reference to carers strategy? Liz to raise at Carers Strategy Group along with items listed under 7. on the plan. Establish who is PCT/DCC lead on this part of the plan.</li> <li>• Find out who is leading on the training/workforce issues under 10. &amp; who will monitor compliance</li> </ul> <p>Agreed that Colin would pick up as many of these queries as feasible &amp; report back to next meeting.</p>	Liz
<p>4. Date next meeting : <b>25 May 2010 Bowburn Community Centre 10-12 am</b></p>	

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