



COUNTY DURHAM LINK

CARE QUALITY COMMISSION GROUP

1 March 2010 in Crook

LINK members attending

Agnes Armstrong, Colin Burton, Jim Welch, John Hudson, Michael Dalton, Michael Hemingway, Betty Carr, Mary Mitchell, Sheila Grant

Apologies: Peter Wilkinson

Facilitator Liz Greer

1.	Welcome & introductions –first meeting of the Group	
2.	Liz circulated information from the meeting hosted by CQC for LINK hosts in the region the previous week. Sheila asked for summary feedback from this meeting. Liz to chase up with CQC.	Liz
3.	The Group discussed the timeline for consultations by the CQC relating to registration of service providers. Unfortunately the opportunity to feedback on NHS Trust registration has passed, however the LINK can still have a role in monitoring & feeding back to CQC about compliance and once information is available on Trust registration (including those registered with conditions attached) from CQC, the Group can assess how it wishes to do this.	Watching Brief
4.	<p>The CQC are seeking feedback from LINKs and other groups by 31 March 2010 about individual providers of social care and independent health care (ie non NHS) prior to assessment of their registration applications. Social care includes home care, day care, residential care and residential care with nursing where any element of personal care is provided.</p> <p>Because timescale is so tight, Group agreed it was not feasible to run a consultation event for the wider membership but that members would be given the opportunity to respond direct to CQC as long as it was clear they were responding as an individual LINK member and not on behalf of the LINK as a whole; the Group will reconvene late March to draft a LINK response & individual members will be asked to let Liz know of any comments they make as individual members to help with this process.</p>	<p>Liz to action</p> <p>Group-next meeting</p>

5.	Feedback to CQC about assessment of commissioner quality –closing date is 27 April 2010 . Plan for this to be discussed at next meeting.	ALL
6.	Other item discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use-ability of the CQC web-based feedback form-Jim has offered CQC feedback ○ Given especially high volume of paperwork for this Group, they have requested ring binders from PCP 	Jim to report on any response from CQC Liz/PCP
7.	Date of next meeting – 22 March 2010 10-12 Pioneering Care Partnership, Newton Aycliffe when agenda items will be <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LINK response to CQC consultation on registration of care providers 2. Planning how to respond the the CQC commissioner consultation 	

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