

**LINK Executive Committee meeting
Monday 20th April 2009**

Sub group	Secondary Health & Social Care (SH&SC)
Date of sub group meeting	18 th March 2009
Paper number	B5
Recommendations	<p>The SH&SC sub group would like to propose the following actions and would like the LINK Executives ratification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agree all link members to be e-mailed regarding the groups next meeting; 2) Agree a member from this group will be the Link member on the Wandsworth Council Oversees & Scrutiny Health Committee; 3) Agree with the group 3 priorities; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity Services • Hospital Discharge Policies • Keep up to date with relevant consultations
Paper prepared by sub group Chair	Suzanna Kawalek

**Minutes of Secondary Health and Social Care Sub-Group Meeting
Held on Wednesday 18th March 2009, at Balham Park Surgery, SW17**

Present: Suzanna Kawalek (Chair); Colleen Bowen; Fitzroy Beckford; Susan Wheeler-Kiley; Jean Gilmore; Mike Squires; Esther Persaud; Hazel Ingram

Apologies: Terry King

Introduction:

Suzanna introduced the meeting asked members what they thought the Group should be and do.

Mike felt we had a broad remit in health and social care, and for that reason would need many more members. He suggested e-mailing members to ask if they would like to join a sub group – then set up working groups to concentrate on specific issues such as Springfield development. He felt we could make a difference, investigate and report.

Hazel agreed. She hoped the Enter and View guidelines and CRB checks could be in place soon so that visits could take place.

Esther expressed interest in diabetes care, stroke and trauma plans consultations inpatient rights – she has training in this. PCT has been investing in patient panels. Esther feels she has skills to offer.

Colleen wanted to see all services for users improved. We should get down to real work, not just talking.

Fitzroy thought that the purpose of sub-groups was to take on work delegated by the Executive. He said we should prioritise and be focussed.

Noting the various comments, Suzanna summed up by saying that the Secondary Health and Social Care Group focussed on inpatient care, and care on immediate discharge from hospital. We needed to concentrate on a few areas where we are likely to be successful.

Priorities were being discussed by the Executive Committee. Like the former PPIFs, this Sub Group will report back on health care at St George's – and health standards. It will pick up the priorities that the Executive will decide on, plus one or two that we will shortlist. The group would set some new priorities and inherit others.

Suzanna added that we need to be up to date with all consultations taking place and understand what is going on. Then we will be in a position to give our views. Suzanna asked Susan to keep everyone updated on all consultations, such as those concerning Darzi, and major trauma/stroke proposals.

Action: SW-K

Jean had a copy of the consultation document "Health Care for London". Perhaps it could be published on the LINK website?

Suzanna said that members are in broad agreement about our remit, and most agree about the workload. From the next Executive Meeting, a letter should go to LINK members to ask if they would like to be a member of the Sub Group. At that point we will address Enter and View, CRB, and training issues.

Summarising our remit – this is:

- In-patient care
- After care on discharge

We would not duplicate the work of Voicing Views and the Mental Health Interest Group. John Morrill (Project Manager) will be a resource.

Agreed to defer Mark Clarke's report on maternity services until the next meeting. Also to check how Kingston hospital maternity services are performing.

Agreed to prioritise the following:

1. Maternity services
2. Stroke/trauma proposals
3. Dignity and care on discharge from hospital

1. Maternity Services

Agreed to survey appropriate groups such as mums and toddlers to obtain their experiences of services, their preferred hospital to have their babies, etc. Item on LINK website. Also distribute MC's report to members.

Action: SW-K

2. Hospital Discharge Policy

Investigate discharge policies, especially where patient has to go into care home, or move from one home to another.

Ask how well does hospital liaise with social services eg arranging for carer to be there on arrival at home, how quickly adaptations can be put in place.

Find out the experience of patients.

Action: Invite a Discharge manager to come to talk to group. Link up with Age Concern, Carers Centre

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