

LINK PRIMARY HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SUB GROUP
NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2009
at PUTNEY LIBRARY

Present: Roger Appleton (Chair), Jeremy Ambache, Barbara Willerton, Irene Storer, Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Apologies: Received from Sarah Dawson and Jenny Weinstein

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Out of hours GP services:</p> <p>Simonne had provided a list of the 49 GP Practices in the Borough according to postal code.</p> <p>Agreed that there were not sufficient time resources in the Group to undertake the number of phone calls required to gather evidence, and that is was not a priority issue.</p> <p>Further agreed to post a message on the LINK website asking whether people were experiencing problems in contacting their GP out of hours, and to let LINK know.</p> <p>Agreed that Barbara should compose the message.</p> <p>Diabetes:</p> <p>Agreed there were a number of outstanding questions to be followed up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ask GPs which practices followed the 'green light' system. ▪ Find out the extent of service provided by the specialist community diabetic nurse. ▪ Hospital discharge concerns – particularly from an out of borough hospital back into Wandsworth care (esp Charing Cross) ▪ Whether patients given flexibility about their insulin when admitted to hospital 	<p>BW</p> <p>Host</p>

	<p>Agreed to find out when next WIG meets and to send a representative.</p> <p>Queen Mary's Hospital:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">No LINK representative has been invited yet.</p> <p>Wandsworth Prison Health Care:</p> <p>Contents of correspondence between LINK and Prison Service not known. Agreed to invite Bridie Tobin when prison care is next on the agenda.</p>	<p>SW-K</p> <p>Host/ SW-K</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>South Wandsworth Health Consultation</p> <p>Mike, Jeremy and Barbara had met with Lizzie Whetnall. We had provided her with a list of hard to reach groups. LINK would assist with contacting these groups.</p> <p>The consultation is being set up in conjunction with the Furzedown Project. LINK host is sending out invitations for the consultation meeting there as widely as possible.</p> <p>Susan to contact Furzedown Project to check that the venue (Mitcham Lane Baptist Church) is fully accessible and has a loop system.</p> <p>NB: post meeting, Mick Morrell has confirmed that Furzedown AGMs are held there and that the venue is accessible.</p> <p>Agreed to get some responses/comments via the website from those who had already attended the Consultation presentation.</p> <p>Noted that Putney Primary Care Patient Project Group are concerned about what happens if there is no polyclinic envisaged for area.</p> <p>Agreed to invite LINK representatives from the different consultation areas to the next meeting of this group – Terry (N. Wandsworth), Vibert and Maria (S. Wandsworth), Irene and Barbara already on the Group.</p>	<p>SW-K</p> <p>SW-K</p> <p>SW-K</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Sexual Health</p> <p>Noted lack of information around especially the dates of consultations. Barbara had pre-consultation papers which she would circulate to the Group.</p> <p>Roger to check Council website to see if OSC paper produced.</p> <p>Barbara to contact sex worker project, WCEN, Connexions service,</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>RA</p>

	and to liaise with Maria Charles. Noted need to find out what statistics are available on use of services by very young people/teenagers.	BW
4.	Children's Health Consultation has been postponed indefinitely.	
5.	Changes to PCT Provider Services Structure Queried whether LINK should be involved in discussions about the re-structuring of NHS Wandsworth Provider services. Agreed LINK could not influence decision about whether there would be consultation on this except via the OSC. Agreed Roger and Susan would find out from Richard Wiles whether the OSC would be seeking consultation.	RA/SW-K
6.	Update on Transforming Social Care Received Irene's report and noted the need to ask the right questions, especially surrounding risks. Irene unconvinced that everyone wants to manage their own payments and budgets/employing own care staff, and would prefer the Council to make the arrangements. What is the difference between Individual Budgets and Direct Payments? START is available for six weeks on discharge from hospital and provided fully by the Council. After this agency staff come in. Question to put to Dawn Warwick when she comes to LINK Executive on 20 th July. Transition between START and standard home care – are Council checking with users and ensuring that it is seamless? What happens when day care activities are not available/have been withdrawn when they are asked for or needed? What about the risks of misunderstanding and miscommunication? Evidence of this cited at the User/Care Engagement meeting at the Atheldene. What support arrangements are in place for those who wish to use Direct Payments? If an agency is used, is the hourly rate the same?	

	<p>Do people require a second bank account?</p> <p>How much of care budget will be spent on overheads rather than care provision.</p> <p>Susan to find out from John and Hannah whether there are issues they would like to raise with Dawn at the Executive Meeting.</p> <p>Susan to ask Dawn to bring samples of literature.</p> <p>LINK would like to see a project plan from the Council.</p> <p>Agreed to consider setting a LINK project group around Transforming Social Care to strengthen the support for Irene.</p>	<p>SW-K</p> <p>SW-K</p> <p>All</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Discussed the letter received from Revd Geoff Vevers which expresses opposition to private sector involvement in setting up GP led practices. Agreed not to get involved in the political argument, but instead to ask whether current GP practices will be destabilised. Would ask the PCT how they will manage the market if large numbers of patients move from existing practices to the new GP led health centre.</p> <p>Roger would check Terry King's views</p>	<p>RA</p>
8.	<p>Membership of Group</p> <p>Noted that Sarah Dawson has missed two meetings, and she is the Group's OSC representative. Jeremy will speak with her.</p> <p>Noted the need to broaden membership of Group. Susan confirmed that Josie Forshaw and Jim South, representing mental health issues, had been invited to this meeting.</p> <p>All to keep aware of openings to recruit new member – such as GP Clusters, and users of social services.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>All</p>