



LINK PRIMARY HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SUB GROUP

**Minutes of Meeting Held on
Thursday 10th September 2009
At Putney Library**

Present: Roger Appleton (Chair), Barbara Willerton, Irene Storer, Terry King, Colleen Bowen, Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Apologies: Sarah Dawson

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Noted Sarah Dawson’s resignation, and her comments that LINK did not currently have the voice of young professionals. Agreed this was a point worth taking up. Agreed that times of meetings may not facilitate attendance by younger working people and that these would be reviewed.</p> <p>Barbara willing to continue to represent group on the Health OSC, but not as lead. Agreed that Roger would approach appropriate member/s of group prior to an OSC meeting. Who was approached would depend on the topic being discussed.</p> <p>Noted that OSC had attached our comments on the S. Wandsworth health consultation, as an appendix to the Council report on the same subject. This felt like a good approach and one we would encourage in the future.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 8th July 2009</p> <p>Agreed their accuracy.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Agreed that Barbara would try to prepare something for the next Executive Committee, regarding the general concerns that people have with accessing their GPs via telephone appointments and the difficulties that arise.</p> <p>Next meeting of the Wandsworth Implementation Group of the National Service Framework for Diabetes (WIG) would be held on 30th September.</p> <p>Prison Health Care – Susan to attach letter with notes of this meeting.</p> <p><u>Sexual Health:</u> Barbara has papers on this but as they are lengthy, she invited people to select which sections they are interested in. Barbara would e-mail complete notes to Roger, and she and Susan would copy the relevant parts.</p> <p>The main consultation has not begun. A long pre-consultation period is</p>	<p>SW-K/BW</p> <p>SW-K</p> <p>BW/SW-K</p>

	<p>taking place. Health OSC has teenage pregnancy on their agenda as this continues to be a problem. Terry reported that St George's is conducting a survey focussing on the 14-19 age group.</p> <p><u>Provider Services Structure:</u> There are no plans to consult specifically on the changes in structure as service provision will be unchanged. Queen Mary's and Community Services are likely to split from the main PCT and, most probably, link up with an acute services provider. LINK concern will be whether the provider is with Kingston or St Georges – the two front runners. A decision is likely in November or later.</p> <p><u>North Battersea Cluster Group:</u> Terry and Roger had attended a meeting to which Martin Linton MP had been invited. Ann Radmore had provided a written response to Geoff Vevers' letter which was discussed there.</p> <p>Ann Radmore had highlighted the advantages of the GP led health centre – longer opening times, no need to register, complementing existing services. Need was identified during 2008 Battersea and North Wandsworth consultation.</p> <p>Ann Radmore had also asserted that contract had been awarded following 'stringent' tendering process. Awarded to Care UK who demonstrated 'extensive knowledge of diverse population of Wandsworth' and who would give assurance of five years of high level service.</p> <p>Roger asked Terry to find out how the tendering process had worked and why Battersea Federation of GPs had not reached the interview stage. We also needed to know:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">What the debriefing process was Did any other GP practices put in a bid and subsequently rejected? Why did those who had local knowledge not get the contract? Were local GPs, who are unlikely to have business skills, discriminated because of this.</p>	TK
4.	<p>Transforming Social Care</p> <p>Irene and Jenny reported that Social Services had sent out 100 self-completion assessment questionnaires in order to proceed with a pilot on self-directed support. Only eight responses received, and of these four had been incorrectly completed.</p> <p>A similar questionnaire had been sent to day centres – 'Reviewing Day Centres for Older People'.</p> <p>Jenny said that Stuart Thompson from the mental health trust attends the Transforming Social Care Steering Group, but no-one from NHS Wandsworth attends. Most of the other attendees are Adult Social Services officers. It appears not to be a strategic board that represents agencies and looks at all the issues.</p> <p>Transforming Social Care makes the assumption that service users will be offered the chance to carry out their own assessments using a lengthy and in-depth questionnaire. There is a view that such assessments would not be in line with the Community Care Act and related legislation</p>	

	<p>which requires that community care assessments should only be carried out by professional staff.</p> <p>Jenny and Irene are concerned that meeting targets is still the main focus. Social workers will need training/re-training. Many are uncomfortable with the concept that service users will determine their own care and the finance of it.</p> <p>Roger proposed that the LINK should prepare a set of key questions and suggestions to put to Dawn Warwick at the meeting to be held with her in September.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was also suggested that: a geriatric consultant and a GP should serve on the Steering Group 2. the group should include a wider range of professionals as well as service users 3. there is a need to know what action is being taken by Social Services to stimulate and support alternative services to replace Council services such as the Atheldene (and other such projects) 4. How are preventive services being strengthened (eg Furzedown project) in order to support users who might have higher levels of dependency. Need to consult Older People's Strategy. 5. We need to understand more about the balance between freedom of choice and safety needs (eg people may choose to spend money on gym sessions rather than essential food) 6. We need evidence of what Social Services have done so far, rather than what they will do. 7. Further information about the self-assessment questionnaire is needed especially the sections that are completed by professionals. 8. We would need to raise questions about training of staff <p>Agreed Roger and Susan would draft and send questions for Dawn.</p> <p>Agreed to circulate details of the Independent Living Foundation nationwide consultation.</p> <p>Jenny and Irene to be alerted to suitable conferences to attend.</p>	<p>RA/SW-K</p> <p>SW-K</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Polyclinics</p> <p>A borough wide group is to meet shortly and a statement issued about what can/cannot be afforded.</p> <p>There are queries about Battersea and N. Wandsworth as to whether all planned investment will take place.</p> <p>Services previously delivered at Bolingbroke have been transferred, largely to Grant Road.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Barbara will find out more from Jo Butler, the diabetes nurse lead about the GP traffic light system, and she will also attend the next WIG meeting.</p> <p>Terry had attended the last Thinking Partners meeting at which Barbara Smith had given a presentation on awareness of MND, Parkinsons, Alzheimers etc. Jane Cameron had given a presentation on</p>	<p>BW</p>

	<p>commissioning strategy for the next five years. Agreed that LINK should be part of this.</p> <p>Agreed that Terry should continue to attend Thinking Partners on behalf of the LINK</p>	<p>TK</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Provisionally set for Monday 9th November, subject to confirmation by Roger. (Post-meeting note date not good for Roger so will need to re-schedule.)</p>	