



Supporting Statements & Declarations of Interest for Members Standing for Election to the Executive Committee on 19th January 2009

JEREMY AMBACHE

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Personal Details.

- Lived in Wandsworth 30+ years.
- Retired Director of Social Services.
- Adviser to central government on the NHS and Social Care.
- Trustee of Age Concern (Wandsworth).
- Many contributions to the LINK Interim Executive and the Communication and Participation sub-group.

My Contribution

- Play an active role in developing Wandsworth LINK's agenda - **and positive action** to improve services.
- Help to develop strong links with the Council, the local NHS and User / patient groups.
- Articulate and represent patient and user views strongly.
- Establish effective 2-way communications with LINK members, and patient and user groups.
- Extensive understanding and working experience of the Hospital /Health Trusts, the PCT, the Council, Voluntary Organisations, the User and patient movement and effective Committee work!

My Vision 2009-2012

- We must establish a **recognised and creditable organisation** that represents patients and users views.
- Develop stronger **advocacy services** in Wandsworth and more 'empowered' patients and service users.
- Improve **preventive health and social care services** and develop better **long-term care services** for the most vulnerable.
- Ensure better Social Care and Health '**outcomes**' and **quality of life** for people living in Wandsworth.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Employment

1969 to 2004 – Employed in 9 Local Authority Social Services Departments.
(Working with the following Councils - Birmingham, Hammersmith, Brent, Croydon, Berkshire, Bedfordshire, Knowsely, Bromley and Hillingdon)

2002 to 2004 – Management Consultant working in the NHS, Local Authority and Voluntary sector fields.

Political

2004/5 – Researcher and Office Manager for Susan Kramer, MP

2005 – Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidate for Putney

2006 – Liberal Democrat candidate for Wandsworth Council

2008 – Liberal Democrat candidate for the London Assembly (GLA)

Voluntary sector (3rd sector)

Currently I am a Trustee of Age Concern (Wandsworth)

VIBERT LUTHERS

Supporting Statement

If elected as a LINK Executive Member, I will contribute the skills I have acquired and my natural input. As you can read in my brief details below, I am a qualified social worker, covering the family, children and the elderly. I also specialised as an approved social worker (ASW) which covered working with mentally ill persons. Wearing my other hat, I am a mental health manager, sitting on committees at hospitals such as Springfield Hospital, Queen Mary's Hospital, Barnes and Sutton Hospitals. With two other managers we carry out a hearing lasting for at least 21/2 hours to assess whether the patient is well enough to be discharged. My social work certificates are CQSW, Diploma in Social Work (ASW), approved social worker specialising in mental health.

I was also an elected councillor on Wandsworth Council from 1973 to 1990 for seventeen years.

I am a Black African Caribbean man from Guyana (South America) married for over 50 years. My wife is White English and we have three grown up sons.

I have sat on major committees as an elected councillor on Wandsworth Council, for example: technical services, housing, social services, finance and recently as a lay member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and also the Police Consultative Committee.

At present I am the patient representative on the clinical effectiveness audit committee at St George's Healthcare NHS Trust.

I will be able to use all the skills listed above as a LINK Executive Member.

Declaration of interest

I was employed as a qualified social worker with Merton Council and Lambeth Council. I was an elected Councillor for Wandsworth Borough Council (Tooting Ward) 1973-1990 for Labour. I am a member of Tooting Labour Party. I am a lay member of the Clinical Effectiveness Audit Committee at St George's Hospital.

I was a PPI Forum member up to the introduction of LINK. I am a Mental Health Act Manager attached to Springfield Hospital/Queen Mary's Roehampton.

JENNY WEINSTEIN

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

As a chronic asthmatic, I am a user of primary and specialist health care services. I was a carer someone with dementia and was horrified by her poor quality hospital care.

Having worked in health and social care local authority, voluntary and education settings for over 40 years, I have developed skills and knowledge useful for LINK:

- General health & social care knowledge + specialist knowledge in older people, mental health, & user involvement
- Strategy, management and business planning
- Public sector committee and decision making processes
- Negotiation & public speaking
- Writing – papers, newsletters, promotional leaflets, books etc.

My vision for LINK is a bottom-up organization whose main task is to ensure that patients, service users and carers have a significant influence on development and delivery of services. The Executive is a `hub` through which service users and carers can be consulted by providers and through which service users and carers can raise issues.

Service users are most concerned about the particular services that they are using and may find the wide remit of LINK somewhat remote. It is therefore essential to strengthen specific interest groups and create accessible systems through which they can network.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- I have worked in social services in Southwark, Lambeth, Croydon and Westminster. 1971-1989.
- I worked for a Non Departmental Public Body for 9 years 1989-1998
- I was Assistant Director for Community Services at a medium sized charity in North London catering for adult user groups 1998-2004.
- I was the Director of a programme of training that I developed on behalf of London South Bank University and the South London and Maudsley mental health Trust. 2004-2008
- I am currently Chair of Furzedown Project for Older People which receives a grant from Wandsworth Council.
- I am a volunteer at the Balham Community Centre Counselling Service. The service does not receive any money from Wandsworth but the Centre does.
- I am on the Panel for distributing Grassroots funding in Wandsworth
- I currently have a contract for a book I am editing on *Service User Involvement and Recovery in Mental Health*.

MICHAEL GRAHN

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

During 20 years in Wandsworth, I have had relatively little need to use our health and social care services myself. However, I strongly believe that these services should be evidence-based and responsive to scrutiny. Our care services should work as hard to prevent problems developing as it later does to treat them. For these reasons I became a member of the LINK interim executive last summer.

On the executive I was concerned to ensure that Wandsworth LINK was truly independent and open. Good progress was made, but the real work still lies ahead. It is now vital that membership is massively increased so that LINK can speak for everyone using Wandsworth's health- and adult social care services. Together we must set clear goals; most people have extremely busy lives, so ways must be found to allow members to have a say without a big commitment and for the results to be communicated back to them. As members become more involved, we must welcome and support them in this.

The coming year presents a unique opportunity for the LINK to establish itself as an influential voice that shapes our future health and social care landscape. We must grasp that opportunity.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

My post in the Bowel Function Healthcare Technology Co-operative is part-supported by the NHS National Institute of Health Research through its 'Innovation for Industry' programme. The Co-operative is hosted by Barts and The London NHS Trust in Whitechapel.

COLLEEN BOWEN

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Please use the following space and continue on a separate page if necessary (maximum 200 words) to describe the contribution you could make if elected to the LINK Executive and your vision for the LINK's development for 2009 to 2012. Please write legibly or type as this statement will be made available on the LINK website and given to Members voting at the meeting on 19 January 2009.

I have thought long and hard as to what contribution my services, if elected, to the LINK Executive would make. Maybe it is that I am lucky enough to have my faculties and can be a voice for people who are not able to speak for themselves. I get on with most people and can always inject a little humour when situations get a bit tense; also I am a team player. The sick, aged and every disability are fragmented groups, who seem to be the rank outsiders in our society, if economic cuts are made by the Government PCT or local authorities it is always these groups who come of worst, due to the circumstances of age or ill health we need LINK who hopefully will have enough authority to be a buffer or link to get some justice between the powers that be and the ones that have no voice.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

I am not nor have material interest, commercial relationship, and position of influence or benefit in connection with the LINK Host or its consultants or contractors.

No current or previous employment or material connection with the NHS or a local authority.

No current or previous employment or material connection with a contractor or provider organisation to the NHS or a local authority.

No current or previous position of authority or material connection with a 3rd sector organisation (i.e. charity, social enterprise, or voluntary body) in the field of health or social care

No Political activity. Although I have had a couple of invitations to the House of Commons for debates regarding transport, and welfare of the disabled and elderly, both topics were ones I was familiar with and could make a contribution to.

I have volunteered my services to any organisation in Wandsworth who work for and on behalf of people with any disability in our borough as well as the welfare of our Senior citizens

Such as at the present time:-

The Interim Executive of LINK's for the past six months.

Trustee of Housebound Learners.

Age Concern

Access Association

Wandsworth Care Alliance

Circles Network

Mobility Forum

Several others whom I cannot remember.

MARK CLARKE

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

About me

Living in Wandsworth for 20 years, I spent my childhood in and out of St George's, as my mother worked for St George's, Springfield and at the Bolingbroke; I also know how hard local staff work. My background is in business, working for Procter and Gamble, the Boston Consulting Group and Mars.

My healthcare campaigns – and results

- Exposed 116 superbug deaths at St George's. St George's now report and publish monthly superbug death rates.
- Interviewed dozens of new mums on local maternity care. St George's and the PCT have agreed to make some practical changes – like putting chairs in the maternity shower rooms.
- Campaigned (unsuccessfully) against the Bolingbroke closure.
- Fought (successfully) to help save the Friends of St George's shop and brokered a meeting between the Friends and the Trust.

My LINK Priorities

- To ensure that NHS money is spent on patient care and not wasted on vanity projects.
- To ensure that St George's district general hospital duties are not neglected in the pursuit of better paid specialisms.
- To support frontline NHS staff.
- To stand up for patients views.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

I am the Conservative's Parliamentary spokesman for Tooting. I would not approach this in a party political manner. There is a long tradition of those interested in public service joining community bodies – just like many local Councillors and MPs serve as school governors.

ROGER APPLETON

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I have recently retired as head of policy and strategy for Wandsworth Council; amongst other things I was responsible for Health Scrutiny. Now retired, I wish to bring my long experience of Wandsworth Council and local NHS services to help establish the LINK.

Prior to my appointment as head of policy, I worked within the social services department for 11 years and have a good understanding of the full range of social services. I am keen to bring my experience and understanding to the service of the LINK.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Employee of Wandsworth Council for 30 years until October 2008.

IRENE STORER

Supporting Statement

My contribution, if elected to the LINK Executive Committee, would be to offer the advantage of my many years experience. I have been associated with health care for many years, initially holding an administrative post with the NCVO (National Council of Voluntary Organisations) and subsequently as a Local Councillor.

After a chance social meeting with the then Director of Social Services, I agreed to volunteer my services by becoming involved with health care committees. This began with the CHC, and then moved on to the Pilot Patients Forum and eventually being appointed to the PCT Public and Patient Involvement Forum. On this Forum I led on the choice of all our GP visits, and represented them on numerous committees. I was also elected as their representative on the Boards of both the PCT and Queen Mary's Hospital. I still remain on the latter and recently on their behalf I undertook a highly successful inspection of patient utilities. This proved to be most satisfactory and highly beneficial.

I am also the spokesperson for Regenerate Rise Day Centres, helping members wherever and whenever possible. My LINK involvement is also as a prolific user, being both severely disabled and diabetic.

In conclusion, therefore, the future direction of LINK should be to improve the health, and ascertain by survey, a closer link with all Wandsworth patients, and I feel this is where my association with the many Day Centre users and my seat on the Queen Mary's Board will prove invaluable.

Declaration of interest

Nothing to declare in addition to the above statement.

TERRY KING

Supporting Statement

Professional experience, qualifications, skills and other relevant experience

Retired- retail management. Professionally qualified/affiliated holistic massage therapist. Have experience of lecturing for National Association of Goldsmiths (history of gems, silver/gold and clocks).

Voluntary sector experience including volunteering

Terrence Higgins Trust Volunteer – qualified counsellor – volunteer buddy in HIV sector – pastoral care volunteer for the CARA Trust.

I was elected chairperson of the Wandsworth Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) Community Network for three years until November 2008.

Member of Safer Neighbourhood in the Queenstown Ward in Battersea.

Chairperson of the St George's HIV Forum Steering Group. Member of Thinking Partners Group for PCT/NHS Wandsworth.

Member of Battersea/North Wandsworth PPI Cluster Group. Member of Lavender Hill Group Practice PPI Group. I attend meetings of the Pan London HIV Consortium.

Why I want to be on the LINK Executive

As a public spirited member of the Wandsworth Community, I am dedicated and fully committed to any project or calling I may be involved in. Since January 2008, I have completed over 150 hours in a voluntary capacity. I have lived in Battersea since 1995 in the Queenstown Ward. My interests include researching London history and organising/hosting walks around the

capital as a hobby. I am a musician, enjoy photography, and have a wide collection of videos, DVDs and CDs.

I would like the opportunity to continue to work in partnership with local statutory/voluntary organisations within the Borough of Wandsworth.

Declaration of interest

Nothing to declare in addition to the above statement.

BARBARA WILLERTON

Supporting Statement

I have been a member of the Interim Executive Committee since the launch of the Wandsworth LINK in June 2008, and in November 2008 was appointed Financial Manager and Chair of the Resources and Governance Group. During this time I have gained a broad knowledge of the responsibilities of LINK, to ensure the local population has a voice in how health and social care services are provided across the Borough including the challenge of social care now being part of the LINK remit.

I have continued to attend, as a participating member, meetings of the St George's Patient Reference Group, WPCT Provider Patient Focus Group and the Wandsworth Strategy Group for Older People. This last group, a joint strategy group, is especially relevant to the work of LINK as it provides an opportunity for the main care providers to sit round the table and work toward achieving the best holistic approach to health and social care provision.

If elected to the Executive Committee, I would endeavour to continue this work. I believe my experience as outlined above would enable me to be an effective member and assist the achievement of LINK objectives, particularly during the transition period whilst the statutory bodies are reaching agreement on partnership working.

Declaration of interest

I have lived in Putney for 23 years and currently my involvement with community and voluntary organisations includes: Trustee of Age Concern Wandsworth and the Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network; Member of the Roehampton Partnership; the Putney and Roehampton Amenity Society and the Wandsworth Older Peoples Network and Forum.

Apart from my membership of the various voluntary bodies referred to above, I have no interests to declare.

Supporting Statement

I would like to be elected to the Wandsworth LINK Executive as I feel I have the drive, commitment, extensive experience of working and campaigning with patient groups, knowledge and experience that an effective Executive member requires in order to ensure that the residents and special interest groups within the borough of Wandsworth have a say in the way the borough's health and social care system is designed and works.

I am chair of the St George's Hospital Public and Patient Involvement Forum (PPIF). Although PPIFs have been abolished, we as a group have continued to carry on working with the Trust to ensure patients and their carers receive the best care available. As a group we hold regular meetings, inspect wards/clinics and are represented on Trust groups such as the strategy and nutrition groups. We talk to patients, patient groups and staff and report our findings to the Trust executive with recommendations which in turn are responded to within a time scale. As part of this group, I was also co-opted as a non-voting member onto the Council's health oversight and scrutiny committee. I have also co-ordinated the Forum's input into the Trust's health care standards (previously star ratings system).

I have also worked in various roles within the NHS for the past fourteen years. This has given me an in depth knowledge of the workings, policies and procedures of the NHS that would be a benefit to the Executive.

I have been one of the vice chairs of the Interim Executive and chair of the Secondary Health and Social Care Sub Group. This covers all aspects of patient care the minute the patient is referred to a hospital until they are discharged. During our brief time in existence, we have built firm foundations and established links with local user groups which, if the Executive chooses to adopt them, will allow them to focus on the real work of LINKs which is to capture and articulate the needs of local people and groups and translate these into measurable improvements.

The next three years will see a total transformation in the way health and social care is provided. I see LINK at the forefront of this, ensuring that Wandsworth residents and groups shape the way they wish services to be provided. Wandsworth deserves a world class health and social care service.

Declaration of interest

Nothing to declare in addition to the above statement.

FITZROY BECKFORD

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I have been a Wandsworth resident for more than fifteen years and for most of that time I have been involved in the voluntary and community sector, working largely on issues to do with disability. I have been a founder member of WCA since its inception in direct response to the NHS and community care act. I am also a certified community leader. I have worked closely with the PCG/PCT as a Community Rep at board meetings.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. My priorities are to increase the uptake/access of BME Communities to Health/Social Care Services
2. To look at Heart Health
3. Disability Services