



Meetings/events feedback form

Date of meeting: 29 November 2010

Title of meeting: Cannock Health Scrutiny Committee

Audience: Six Cannock district councillors plus Steve Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health for the authority.

LINK representative(s) attending: John Davies

LINK representative completing feedback form: John Davies

Rationale (*Why are we attending the meeting event*). Note – if you are delivering a message/presenting re: what the LINK is about this needs to complement the standard presentation. If not provide details of message given.

Invited by the authority to attend meetings as an independent co-opted member from LINK

What were the main issues to come out of the meeting/event from the LINK perspective? (*List between 1 and 6 bullet points would be helpful*).

1. Overall concern for the future of health scrutiny in the Cannock district when function is taken over by the county council
2. Concern that Cannock people do not have the opportunity to raise concerns about health services in the area. Decided to introduce health topics into community forums.
3. Steve Shilvock presented a report outlining the council's review of alcohol licensing policy and will report back in January on how this impacts upon health issues in the area
4. Concern that patients go out of the county for treatment in Walsall and Wolverhampton for cancer and stroke treatment respectively but are not eligible for those hospitals follow up schemes. Patients in Walsall for example can have help in dealing with the psychological effects of cancer but patients from Staffordshire, although treated by the same department, cannot have this help as South Staffordshire does not provide it.
5. Confusion reigns over proposals for a new health centre in Cannock. The PCT says the project will go ahead – but have offered no further details – whilst GPs have been reported in the local press as saying they do not want the centre and will not use it. South Staffs PCT representative was supposed to come to the meeting but sent an email at the last minute saying they would not attend but reaffirmed the intention to proceed. Councillors felt they were being treated with contempt by the PCT.

Action Points/How can the LINK help? (*Bullet points re: what, if any, requests for LINK help were received and from who plus who needs to follow up?*)

No requests for help from LINK but perhaps the issue of cross border patients not receiving the full after care support is one to add to our list for future reference.