



## Meetings/events feedback form

**Date of meeting: 06/01/2011**

**Title of meeting: West Midlands Link**

**Audience: 13 LINK Representatives (Birmingham; Dudley; Herefordshire; Stoke; Telford & Wrekin; Walsall; & Warwickshire)**

**LINK representative(s) attending: Will Taylor**

**LINK representative completing feedback form: Will Taylor**

**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.

**To gain information on services and current situation involving LINK's across the west midlands**

**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*).

### **Agenda**

- 1) West Midlands Ambulance Update services**
- 2) Regional representative for national meetings**
- 3) LINK's Updates**
- 4) Update from DoH**
- 5) Transition Period 2011/12**
- 6) Consultation results and outcomes**
- 7) Annual Reports 2009/10**
- 8) NALM**
- 9) AOB**

**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?*)**1. West Midlands Ambulance Service** it was suggested that each LINK has a nominated representative to be responsible for issues regarding the service. Dudley LINK has Vincent Keogh as their nominee and he is prepared to act as regional focal point to co-ordinate any issues. **2. Regional representative** Margaret Lilley Chair of Stoke LINK was elected as regional representative. **3. LINK Updates/Transition period (points 3 & 5 were taken together)** it was clear that none of the LINKs represented at the meeting have yet had their budgets for 2011-2012 confirmed by their respective local authorities. Most were anticipating a reduction in budgets from 2010-2011 levels. As far as existing hosts are concerned there was no report of potential changes from representatives. **4. Update from DoH** nothing to report from Cat Crum. **6. Consultation** discussion on the statutory framework document published by DoH took place; the representative from Telford & Wrekin offered to produce a summary of the main issues from the framework document and will circulate to the group. **7. Annual reports 2009/2010** DoH has produced an analysis of LINK annual reports for 2009/2010 a copy of which is sent under separate cover. There are a number of interesting outcomes to note examples of which are:-

- LINKs activity has led to an estimated 460 plus service changes and over 520 service reviews in 2009/2010
- 38% of reports and recommendations led to a service review, 30% led to service change

**8 NALM** Dag Saunders the representative from Telford & Wrekin, who volunteered to represent the region at NALM meetings advises that his first meeting is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> January. **9. AOB** Cat Crum

reminded the group that funding to support the regional meetings runs out at the end of February. There is support for the meetings to continue (without Cat) and future meeting dates were set for 24<sup>th</sup> February (to be hosted by Cat) ; 25<sup>th</sup> March; 6<sup>th</sup> May; 9<sup>th</sup> June & 7<sup>th</sup> July. Future venues and arrangements will be discussed at the February meeting.