



Meetings/events feedback form

Date of meeting: 02/02/2011

Title of meeting: NULBC Health Scrutiny Group

Audience: Council members and other area representatives of the NHS services

LINK representative(s) attending: David Loades

LINK representative completing feedback form: David Loades

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

This is a very good source of feedback information for the LINK and I feel due to this being a local NULBC group a good source of information sharing and support for our projects

I am a non voting guest that this group wishes to become involved in the LINK as they see us as being aware of the need for regulation and community engagement.

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).

Presentation from Jacqueline Small Head Of Health Improvement for North staffs NHS concerning a new project that is now being implemented across the North of Staffordshire involving the goals to reduce

Health Inequalities,

Increase Life Expectancy

Reduce Childhood Obesity

Help Smokers to quit

Support dependent drinkers to take control

Support people with long term conditions to stay well

Reduce Premature Cancer Deaths

Reduce Premature CVD Deaths end of life care

Improve patient experience

Copy of the letter of reply to the Ambulance Change consultation reply from Stafford Council was handed out copy to be sent to link for info I have a copy if you wish to see it

Presentation from David Pearson concerning services supplied to the North Staffs NHS concerning cut backs and hospital closures and current influences

Generally a short meeting with very little on agenda other than the two main presentations

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?)

The group is very interested in our enter and view training and feel that there is a large concern in the North Staffs area over mental health and home discharges along with a lack of services support such as a Falls Unit, Mental Health Home Care and the cut back of beds again by 15 beds at Bucknall Hospital.

A project in the North East concerning health path ways was seen to be a good opportunity to gain positive for change feed back when completed. The room was informed about heavy increase in funding for Mental health funding.

I was very concerned about the excuses for the lack of services that appeared to be based around the lack of need or current priority. However when it was reported by the group of an increase in mental health patients being sent home and readmitted within 24 hours by the Police due to the lack of correct monitoring needs of the patients involved and yet as this was recognised no quick resolution was identified.

I was very surprised by the current management bodies' lack of concern for action over the above matters.

The group decided that they needed to visit Bucknell Hospital to determine the changes and to look at the concerns they have over the use of this old and outdated unit that now only appeared to have 15 beds in one long ward that did in the past have over 60 beds. The Cost of running this facility and its slow movement to change or relocation leaves these old premises in my opinion grossly under used when there is lacking in Mental Health and falls services available..

Dementia research and care to be held at the Hartland's Hospital.

I feel we need to investigate the use and the current changes referring to the Bucknall Hospital and the support from newly opened walk in units.

Transport non emergency is a concern in this area, this is to be reported on for the next meeting.