



## Meetings/events feedback form

**Date of meeting:** 10 January 2011

**Title of meeting:** Staffordshire County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Audience:** Staffordshire County Councillors and Scrutiny Officers. The meeting is open to the public and full minutes are published on the County Council web site.

**LINK representative(s) attending:** Dave Bassett

**LINK representative completing feedback form:** Dave Bassett

**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.*

I attend as a co-opted non-voting member of the committee representing the Link. I am able to participate in debate, raise issues of concern and ask questions. I am also there to ensure that there is clear communication between Link and the Committee, ensuring collaboration where appropriate and the avoidance of duplication of work.

**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*).

**The proposed Staffordshire Community Trust**

1. An update on progress towards developing the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust was given by Stuart Poyner who is project lead. The DOH has agreed a target date for establishment of the Trust as 1/07/11. A chair designate should be appointed early February closely followed by a CEO. An interim project Board has been established to oversee the project until formal appointments are made.
2. He reported back on the outcomes of the public consultation in which Link participated:
  - Strong support for two operating divisions from the North but some scepticism from the South. Further engagement and assurance required.
  - A large number of requests from staff for further information and to have their concerns addressed.
  - UHNS seeking assurances that the community elements of the "Fit for the Future Project" would not be compromised by them being transferred into a large new trust.
  - Wide spread support for the principle of NHS/Social Care integration and more detail was wanted as proposals develop.
3. Lichfield and Tamworth community hospitals will transfer to the management of Queens Hospital as preferred provider. Arrangements will be made to ensure that the clinical links between Good Hope Hospital and Tamworth are maintained reflecting patient flows.
4. Specialist children's services in the north will transfer to the community trust not UHNS following consultation.

**South Staffs PCT Sexual Health Strategy**

1. John Wicks, Director of Commissioning presented an outline strategy paper proposing a

more integrated sexual health service in S Staffs bringing together elements of family planning, genito-urinary medicine and termination of pregnancy services. He highlighted the high number of teen age pregnancies in certain localities and the higher than average of terminations undertaken surgically rather than medically (72% against the national average of 40%).

2. More detailed clinical discussions are taking place within the PCT prior to putting together an action plan. Public Health take a lead on this and as Public Health moves to the management of the County Council under the current NHS reforms the council will have an increasing interest.

#### **West Midlands Ambulance Foundation Trust Application**

1. The chair of Stafford Scrutiny Committee attended for this item and a discussion was had between members on the work that the Stafford scrutiny committee had been doing with the local operations manager of the ambulance services. There is some apprehension around about considering the foundation trust application in the light of the Stafford Hospital experience.
2. An additional scrutiny committee meeting is being held with the Ambulance Trust on 20<sup>th</sup> January to scrutinise their application.

#### **Queens Hospital Burton Emergency Department**

1. Members have been invited to visit the redesigned department and I have put my name forward for the visit.

#### **Stroke**

1. The committee are to undertake a piece of work around stroke services. I have volunteered to participate.

#### **Agenda for next meeting**

1. Wolverhampton Acute Trust's Foundation Application.
2. Progress report on "Fit for the Future".

**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. Link will be asked by the Community Trust to assist with further public engagement as the Trust develops