



August 2010

Kent LINK External Representatives Meeting Report

Name of LINK Representative	Tom Maddison
Name of External Organisation	NHS West Kent
Name of External Group	Commissioning Delivery Teams (CDTs) Account Managers Meeting
Name of lead contact of External Group	Emma Cain, Gemma Chander and Ferne Haxby
Date of Meeting	16 December 2010
Venue of Meeting	Wharf House, Tonbridge
Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)	<p>Meeting commenced at 10.00am I gave Emma and staff a Christmas card and a small gift of a box of chocolates as a thank you from us all at the LINK. I wished them all the best for the New Year and the difficult times ahead.</p> <p>Emma reported that the CDT meetings had been taking place although the bad weather conditions had caused difficulties and postponements. Ferne reported that her CDT 1 meeting had gone ahead as planned on Tuesday, 14 December but unfortunately no one attended from the LINK. I explained that I had been unable to attend myself and had given my apologies and that with all the bad weather members possibly thought it had been called off. I went on to explain that communications and keeping people up to date with everything that was going on at the moment was a bit of a problem but we hope to improve the situation in the new year. Ferne went on to say that as she had a good turn out from people on the West Kent PCT Health Network, the meeting had gone well with good discussions and feedback. I commented that it was quite possible that some people on the Health Network may well be involved with LINK also.</p> <p>Gemma Chandler reported that her CDT 5 meeting would be</p>

going ahead on Tuesday, 1 February 2011 time and venue to be confirmed. I asked her to let us know as soon as arrangements had been confirmed and we would inform our relevant LINK members. I confirmed my attendance as a steering group member of CDT 5.

Gemma went on to briefly report on the current position of all five Commissioning Delivery Teams and presented me with the latest CDT Communication and Engagement updates for each. These give a detailed list of the range of Health Services available under each of the five CDT Themes and their year one priority (I will pass these on to our office so they can be made available to all).

Gemma also gave me a copy of there December 2010 NHS West Kent Health Network Members' Newsletter. This I found to be a most useful; a ten page update of what is going on at present both nationally and locally in Healthcare. It contained articles on a range of topics from GP Consortia to Patient Participation Groups to reports on the CDT meetings that have taken place and the extremely topical Seasonal flu jab campaign. I will see if this can be made available also.

Finally Gemma gave an update on how matters were progressing with the Prioritising treatment in West Kent engagement and consultation document we had received at the beginning of December. She commented that the meeting we had attended together on the Thursday, 9 December 2010. at Maidstone had been most helpful. If she had been aware of the particular format of the meeting and the questions posed she would have asked other colleagues to have attended also. At present West Kent had received a good response from user groups and individuals with over seventy Clinicians responding also. The next stage was to complete the Impact Assessment and this was where the LINK could be of special assistance. Services such as IVF and Gender Re-assignment could have particular Equalities and Diversity issues and it would be most helpful to contact groups that could be affected. Gemma had spoken to Susana Yong Lee at our meeting on 9 December 2010 and she had offered to help as she knows a number of groups in the area. Once the Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed decisions can then be made. It will be the Medical Director and Board who will make the final decision. It is worth emphasising that urgent cases will not be affected (so I am told).

The meeting concluded at 11.00am all agreed that the meeting had been most helpful.

Recommendations / Actions eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items for LINK bulletin • Items for individual interest group • Issue to Priorities Panel / Governors' Group 	
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday, 12 January 2011 from 12.00noon -1.00pm, the Little Stour Room Wharf House Tonbridge

Signature T Maddison

Date 28 December 2010

Recommendations / Actions

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