



Kent LINK External Representatives Meeting Report

Name of LINK Representative	Roy Coles and John Gallimore
Name of External Organisation	NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent
Name of External Group	Board Meeting
Name of lead contact of External Group	Colin Tomson, Chairman
Date of Meeting	17 November 2010
Venue of Meeting	New Life Foundation, Margate
Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)	<p>Reports providing assurance were submitted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Performance 2. Chief Executive 3. Assurance Framework 4. Clinical Executive Chair 5. Human Resources 6. Annual Health and Safety 7. Annual Audit Letter <p>The Audit Commission issued an unqualified opinion on the PCT's financial statement. The accounts had been prepared to a high standard and the commission concluded that the PCT was performing well against each of the three themes assessed under the use of resources criteria.</p> <p>No weaknesses were identified in the design or operation of the PCT's internal controls that might result in a material error in the financial statements. The PCT is performing well and delivering value for money.</p> <p>Reports or items for decision were submitted as follows:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The winter plan 2011 / 2012 2. Creation of a joint committee of PCTs; paediatric, cardiac surgical services. <p>There have been a number of changes to the 2010 / 2011 plan to remove references to pandemic and protocols which are no longer in use. There is daily teleconferencing to ensure that transfer of care is correct for the patient but also to ensure efficient use of the appropriate beds.</p> <p>Reports for information were submitted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Commissioning Strategy Committee 2. The Patient and Care Quality Committee 3. The Strategy Planning and Delivery Committee 4. The Remuneration Committee Report <p>The Board were treated to a presentation by Dr Tony Martin about the present and future provision of healthcare services in Thanet.</p> <p>The Board wish to involve LINK in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting 'choose and book' • Involve participants in looking at the management of changes after the demise of the PCT • Encourage the public to access services through a whole variety of ways instead of through 999, 111 or A&E <p>A complete record of the reports and minutes can be viewed at www.easternandcoastalkent.nhs.uk/about-us/the-board/board-meetings-and-papers/</p>
<p>Recommendations / Actions eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items for LINK bulletin • Items for individual interest group • Issue to Priorities Panel / Governors' Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of 'Choose and Book' through Bulletin • Involve participants in management of changes – Governors' Group • Education programme through bulletin / website re approach to access to services.
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>26 January 2011</p>

Signature

J Gallimore / R Coles

Date 17 November 2010

Recommendations / Actions

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