



August 2010

Kent LINK External Representatives Meeting Report

Name of LINK Representative	Cate Jackson
Name of External Organisation	Eastern and Coastal Kent Community NHS Trust
Name of External Group	Board
Name of lead contact of External Group	Jill Mackenzie (PA to the Chairman)
Date of Meeting	25 November 2010
Venue of Meeting	Social Club, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne
Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)	<p>Reports more succinct and readable. Abbreviations used in reports listed at end of papers and the exceptions, clinical terminology explained and apparent discrepancies on graphs and pie charts noted and either explained or noted for further investigation.</p> <p>Lack of funding for specialised beds for children. Children were not at risk as finance was moved between existing children's budgets. Finance of area to be looked at and more realistic budgets to be sort.</p> <p>Apparent lack of information (written) for the podiatry etc area highlighted and to be further addressed.</p> <p>Awaiting minutes.</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 	<p>Help in the publicity: All open board meeting dates:</p> <p>2011: Last Thursday in Month held in different locations i.e. move around area covered by Trust.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>27 January</td> <td>The Ark, Dover</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31 March</td> <td>Thanet Area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26 May</td> <td>Ashford Area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28 July</td> <td>Canterbury Area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29 September</td> <td>Folkestone Area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24 November</td> <td>Sheppey / Sittingbourne Area</td> </tr> </table> <p>11.00am – 12.30pm Showcase for all services 12.30pm – 1.00pm Open questions from public to Board, 1.30pm – 5.30pm Board Meeting.</p> <p>Board is quite easily understood, where there is a problem highlighted from Board or from “public” it is explained and taken on board to be actioned.</p> <p>Atmosphere is vibrant, alive, friendly and informative, it is not condescending and “stuffy”, neither does it take reports on face value, questions and probes where necessary.</p> <p>Social Club NOT suitable venue.....showcase was easily accessible but the Meeting, in an adjacent room was only accessed via steps...brought to the attention of the Chief Exec and to Karen Edmunds (who had also highlighted it.)</p>	27 January	The Ark, Dover	31 March	Thanet Area	26 May	Ashford Area	28 July	Canterbury Area	29 September	Folkestone Area	24 November	Sheppey / Sittingbourne Area
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<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>27 January 2011, The Ark, Noah's Ark Road, Dover CT17 0DD</p>												

Signature Cate Jackson **Date** 26 November 2010

Recommendations / Actions

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