



**Kent LINK External Representatives
Meeting Report**

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Date of Meeting	18 April 2011
Venue of Meeting	Kent & Sussex Hospital
Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)	<p>The group is focussed on the improvement of standards of care for patients with dementia using the 17 objectives outlined in the National Dementia Strategy to challenge the organisation and improve outcomes of care for patients.</p> <p>In developing its strategy the group has carried out an audit of present performance in relation to the national objectives and the resultant gap analysis forms the basis of the training needs for awareness and understanding of dementia. A draft training strategy was presented focussed on an initial development plan for staff to achieve the competencies set out in 'Living Well with Dementia'. The trust has identified approximately 720 staff that would benefit from basic awareness training and a series of one day workshops has been presented to 146 of these staff.</p> <p>There was extended discussion with group members between hospital staff and community caring agencies, including Admiral Nursing Direct, regarding pre and post hospital patient care and the options available. It is proposed that when the work is further developed care pathways can be identified for patients from diagnosis of Dementia to end of life care.</p> <p>A frame work of the MTW Dementia Awareness website was presented together with a framework for the staff intranet.</p>

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	

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Recommendations / Actions

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