



## Kent LINK External Representatives Meeting Report

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<b>Name of External Organisation</b>	Westminster Health Forum
<b>Name of External Group</b>	N/A
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<b>Date of Meeting</b>	13 October 2011
<b>Venue of Meeting</b>	Royal Society, London
<b>Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)</b>	<p>Seminar on '<i>Leadership and the NHS reforms – managing structural and organisational change in healthcare</i>', with contributions from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cynthia Bower, Chief Executive Officer, Care Quality Commission</li> <li>• Lord Crisp, former Chief Executive Officer, NHS England</li> <li>• Ian Winter, Deputy Regional Director, Department of Health, London Region</li> <li>• Julia Manning, Chief Executive Officer, 2020health</li> <li>• Prof Peter Spurgeon, Director, Institute of Clinical Leadership, University of Warwick</li> <li>• Julie Moore, Chief Executive Officer, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust</li> <li>• Anita Charlesworth, Chief Economist, Nuffield Trust</li> <li>• Paul Buckley, Director of Education, General Medical Council</li> <li>• Professor Nigel Standfield, Head of London Postgraduate School of Surgery</li> <li>• Plus a questions and answers session with a panel comprising of:</li> </ul>

- Oliver Warren, Specialist Registrar in General Surgery
- Helen Northall, Chief Executive Officer, Primary Care Commissioning
- Sue Hodgetts, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Healthcare Management

- Chaired by Ian Winter.

Cynthia Bower discussed the challenges of bringing together three regulators and the consequent pressures on providing a regulatory framework in the short to medium term. Lord Crisp's contribution was very much a retrospective covering the reorganisation process from 2000 to 2006. Ian Winter and the questions and answers session he chaired dealt with how the abolition of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) would impact on service delivery.

Julia Manning spoke from a private sector perspective about leadership and the use of technology (and one had the feeling that she was under the impression that it was all new to the public sector). Three other speakers dealt with aspects of clinical education (Professor Spurgeon, Professor Standfield and Paul Buckley).

Julie Moore talked of her practical experience of bringing together a number of hospitals, including moving to a new site (shades of Pembury).

Anita Charlesworth considered the financial challenges for NHS "reorganisation in a cold climate". She saw "nothing in the revised Bill to produce systemic innovation" and pointed out that the savings required in the NHS over four years were currently being largely met through savings created through the two year staff pay freeze. As Government was committed to ending the pay freeze, the last two years' savings would have to be met with service reductions. Problems were already being seen in outer London NHS deficits (especially north London). The budget increases for PCTs (c. 2.2%) lagged behind Retail Price Index (RPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) which would add further pressure – not the happiest note to end on!

<b>Recommendations / Actions</b> eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Items for LINK bulletin</b></li> <li>• <b>Items for individual interest group</b></li> <li>• <b>Issue to Priorities Panel / Governors' Group</b></li> </ul>	The impact of financial problems in outer London, admittedly less south of the Thames, on Kent's services will need to be watched.
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	

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