



**Kent LINK External Representatives  
Meeting Report**

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<b>Name of External Group</b>	Dementia Strategy
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<b>Date of Meeting</b>	25 October 2011
<b>Venue of Meeting</b>	Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury
<b>Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)</b>	<p>A recent National Audit of Dementia, carried out in all Acute Trusts, provides feedback from staff and case notes against key aspects of care received by people with dementia in hospital. The audit informed the progress of a staff development and training plan to enable staff to achieve the competences set out in the National Dementia Strategy, 'Living Well with Dementia'.</p> <p>The training involves awareness and training for / of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing assessment processes from admission to discharge with focus on the needs of Dementia patients</li> <li>• Referral criteria to liaison psychiatry</li> <li>• Mental Capacity Act</li> <li>• Support systems available to dementia</li> <li>• LINKs with local mental health and learning disability services</li> <li>• Specific communication skills appropriate to dementia sufferers</li> <li>• Anticipation of and dealing with challenging behaviour</li> <li>• End of life care.</li> </ul> <p>This list is not exhaustive. Many dementia sufferers are referred to hospital for acute care for conditions other than dementia and</p>

	<p>the training will assist in identifying patients who have undiagnosed dementia, enabling appropriate care needs to be anticipated.</p> <p>The Trust has identified that an excess of 700 staff would benefit at a minimum from basic dementia awareness training and almost 25% of those staff have received training based one day workshops. Training continues throughout the Trust.</p> <p>A series of reference documents from Dementia UK, NHS, Age Concern, Dementia Helpline etc are to be made freely available to dementia patients and carers in public areas at hospitals.</p> <p>Some concern was expressed regarding the reality of availability and extent of supplementary dementia support services. Is there a disparity between their remit and what they (are able to) deliver? This will form the basis of a further work stream for the group.</p>
<p><b>Recommendations / Actions</b> eg</p> <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>	<p>Non specified.</p>
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>January 2012</p>

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**Recommendations / Actions**

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<i><b>Name</b></i>			
<i><b>Date</b></i>			