



## Kent LINK External Representatives Meeting Report

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<b>Name of External Organisation</b>	South East LINK Leaders Network (SELLNET)
<b>Name of External Group</b>	N/A
<b>Name of lead contact of External Group</b>	Tony Lloyd, West Berkshire LINK
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	19 September 2011
<b>Venue of Meeting</b>	Government Office of the South East, Guildford
<b>Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)</b>	<p>The meeting took the form of a series of presentations, the first three of which covered aspects of LINK's transformation into Local HealthWatch and the fourth concerned a consultation on major trauma provision in the South East. This was followed by round-up updates from the LINK representatives present on what was happening in their home areas.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting are now available for a blow by blow account, together with other relevant documents, some of which had been previously circulated to SELLNET participants; a very brief synopsis is given below.</p> <p>Eddy McDowell of Government Office for the South East Department of Health spoke on the progress of the Health Bill and Anita Higham, Oxfordshire LINK, reported back on the HealthWatch Advisory Group's (HWAG) activities. Much of the detail of the first presentation has now been overtaken by events. HWAG's concerns are ours; our independence, our continuity and our funding.</p> <p>There are 75 HealthWatch pathfinders across England, of which only five are in the South East (out of 19 LINKs). In all other regions, the take-up is between 40 and 60%, except the in the North East which has a similar take-up rate to the South East (three out of 12 (25%)). In the Eastern Region, take-up is 100%.</p>

	<p>Alison Murray spoke of the Care Quality Commission's current priorities – registration of dentists and independent ambulances, a review of their methodologies and of their enforcement procedures. The Winterbourne View case had meant they had had to review all homes with a similar client profile.</p> <p>The fourth formal presentation was on stroke, major trauma and vascular services for the West Sussex and Surrey areas of which the only relevant bit for Kent was major trauma, which is not basic A&amp;E treatments of extracting steering wheels from body cavities – it is worse and requires a population base of three-million plus for units to be viable. From Kent's perspective, we have no major trauma centre, with the journey times in East Kent being at the maximum 45 minutes by ambulance.</p>
<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>	SELLNET is a useful mechanism to exchange good practice and experiences. We should maintain this connection.
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	

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**Recommendations / Actions**

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