



**Kent LINK External Representatives
Meeting Report**

Name of LINK Representative	Mark Fittock and Roger Kendall
Name of External Organisation	Kent County Council
Name of External Group	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)
Name of lead contact of External Group	Nick Chard
Date of Meeting	9 September 2011
Venue of Meeting	Not known
Summary of Meeting (If appropriate attach papers)	<p>The proposed regional trauma networks being sited at Pembury, William Harvey and Medway hospitals were accepted by the HOSC though there were still reservations about the journey times for some Kent residents. As a result of the discussions, it was agreed that the committee would look again at this provision in the 2012 new year to review what special provision there was in place for major incidents particularly in view of the impending Olympics.</p> <p>The reconfiguration of Maternity Services in East Kent was still cause of concern, particularly over the proposals for closure of the birthing facilities at Dover and Canterbury while retaining all the other midwife provision from those two sites while concentrating births at Ashford.</p> <p>A good deal of concern was expressed by members of the committee about these arrangements, particularly over the shortage of Midwives and difficulties of transport.</p> <p>It was agreed that the consultation could go ahead though the HOSC would take a view on this later and the LINKs would consult members on this issue.</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 	<p>Once the consultation process is published, LINKs should consult members on options remembering the health authorities preferred option will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain all facilities except births at both Dover Birth Unit and Canterbury birth Centre • Ensure midwife to birth ration at Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (QEQM) and William Harvey Hospital is 1.28 • Open QEQM co-located Midwifery led unit
Date of Next Meeting	Not known

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