

Derby LINK Annual Report 2009-2010

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider and note Derby LINK's Annual Report 2009-10.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) were established by the Government in 2008 to give greater role to local people in influencing their local services. LINKs are required to gather the views and experiences of people using health and social care services in their area. The main functions of LINKs are to.
- enable local groups and individuals to share their skills and experience in order to influence the development and improvement of local health services;
 - promote and support the involvement of local groups and individuals from across the community to influence the commissioning, provision and scrutiny of health and social care services;
 - gather views of local groups and individuals about their experience of health and social care services;
 - convey those views to organisations responsible for commissioning, providing, managing and scrutinising health and social care services;
 - support people within the community to make their voices heard, including people who find it hard to participate in traditional ways or do not choose to;
 - support the commissioners and providers of health and social care services to engage with the local community, and in particular those groups and individuals who find the services they need difficult to access;
 - Carry out visits, when necessary, to see whether services are working well.
 - Ask for information about services and ensuring information is received within a specified time period.
 - Refer issues to the local health overview and scrutiny committee if it seems that action is not being taken
- 2.2 Links have duty to publish their annual report and this is the second annual report of Derby Link. The Commission is to note the report.

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Background papers:	None
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. The Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 gives health scrutiny committees powers to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny will benefit all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority to make Derby, by 2020 a Healthy City where people enjoy long, healthy and independent lives.