

Derby LINK Annual Report 2011-12

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) are required to produce and publish their annual report of activities. Derby LINK has published its annual report for 2011/12.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To consider and note Derby LINK's Annual Report 2011-12.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 LINKs are required to present their reports to their respective health overview and scrutiny committees.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.2 Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) were established in 2008 to give local people a greater role in influencing local services. They gather the views and experiences of people using health and social care services in their area and present these to health and care services, to improve the patient experience.
- 1.3 LINKs also have a duty to publish their annual report which lists their activities during the year. The attached annual report provides a summary of activities carried out by Derby LINK during 2011/12.
- 1.4 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 has expanded the role of LINKs and requires them to provide information and support to health and social care services. It has rebadged them as Healthwatch. Specifically the Healthwatch will:
- ensure that the views and feedback from people who use services, carers and members of the public are integral to local commissioning
 - provide advocacy and support to people and help them to make choices about services
 - provide intelligence for Healthwatch England about the quality of providers

- 4.1 Derby Healthwatch will become an independent organisation and is expected to be up and running from April 2013.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Derby LINK Annual Report 2011-2012

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 LINKs are required under section 227 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to publish an annual report of their activities and submit a copy to the local overview and scrutiny committee.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report

Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and it's people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.