

Minutes of the LINK Meeting – 20 September 2012

14:15 – 16:15

The Peepul Centre, 28 Orchardson Avenue, Leicester LE4 6DP



1. Welcome and Introductions

The following Board members were present at the meeting:-



Hasmukh Jobanputra (HJ) – Chair
Eric Charlesworth (EC) – Board Member
Terry Knight (TK) – Board Member
Sakarlal Gajjar (SG) – Board Member
Narendra Waghela (MW) – Board Member
Michael Gilhooley (MG) – Board Member

The following guests were also at the meeting:-

Donna Bishop (DB) – LINK Member
Mary Tillotson (MT) – LINK Member
Morag Yates (MY) – LINK Member
Dina Dasani (DD) – LINK Member
Shamin Lodhi (SL) – LINK Member
Joel McCann (JM) – Member of the Public
Kirsty Hunter (KH) – Creative Support
Jo Tyler (JT) – Leicester City PCT Cluster
Jade Mall (JM) – Leicester City Council
Carlie Thompson (CT) – East Midlands Ambulance Service
Gulnaz Karchi (GK) – East Midlands Ambulance Service
Mike Vials (MV) – Deputy Operations Manager - Host
Micheal Smith (MS) – Host Team Manager
Gillian Jillett (GJ) – Host Administrator

2. Apologies

Stephanie Chapman (SC) – Vice Chair
Sue Mason (SM) – Board Member
Michael Pepperman (MP) – Board Member
Karl Mayes (KM) - UHL
Robin Robertson (RR) – LINK Member
Steve Cantor – LINK Member

3. Declaration of Interest



MS advised that the Carers Federation are present at the meeting as Host, however, the Carers Federation have declared an interest to bid in the anticipated tender process for Healthwatch locally.

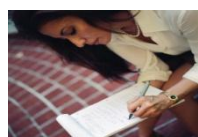
We recognise this may lead to conflict of interest at which time the Chair may ask the Carers Federation staff and individuals from other organisations that declare their interest in tendering to leave the meeting while such matters are discussed.



4. Public Forum

This is where the members of the public have an opportunity to raise issues and make comments, on this occasion no one wished to raise any points or make comments.

However, EC pointed out that questions are normally asked at the end not the beginning of a meeting and it was agreed that questions from the Public would be tried at the next meeting.



5. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2012 were confirmed as being accurate and agreed.

HJ asked if copies of Board papers would be made available as some Board members did not have them. It was agreed extra papers would be available.

SG made refer to Item 8.1 on the last minutes and confirmed he had received a response from LPT.

6. Matters arising from the previous meeting of 18 June 2012

6.1 Minute 7.3 – Mental Health Working Group co-hosting event for World Mental Health Day in October – MS confirmed that this would take place on 8 October 2012 at the Afro Caribbean Centre in Leicester City Centre. This is an all day event, starting at 10am

6.2 Minute 7.3 – Liz Kendall – GJ confirmed that she had agreed that Liz Kendall would attend the January 2013 Board meeting at 6.00pm and it was agreed the meeting would run from 5.00 – 7.30pm.

EC referred to questions sent to Liz Kendal in February about ECMO being moved and the cost of Health Tourism. He felt that 4 months to respond was unacceptable.

Action: GJ to write a letter to LK ask for a response to the questions

6.3 Minute 7.4 – Healthwatch Update asking for tag line to cover Social Care be added to branding – MS confirmed he had raised this and it would be



considered by the Healthwatch Promotions Team via the Transition Board.

- 6.4 Minute 7.7 – Paediatric Congenital Cardiac Care (PCCC) Update** – issue around LPT not accepting that the removal of PCCC would have an impact on Mental Health Services. EC said that he thought there was confusion with the issues and that it related to parents having to travel and said that the response from the CEO clearly showed this was not a major issue for them.

EC referred to the LOROS presentation saying that the questions about their Annual Report would be late. EC offered to write on behalf of the Board.



7. Standard and New Agenda Items

7.1 Host Update

MS advised that the Department of Health had asked for an interim 6 months Annual Report to cover April – October 2012 and be completed by the end of the year. HJ made the comment that he had heard other LINKs will not be doing this and EC commented that he believed they had all the information they required.

MV asked the Board to appreciate that the Carers Federation and the Local Authority have a view and they are a legal entity delivering the contract. MV asked that the report should be built up in time and a decision made whether to send or not send it should be held in abeyance. The Board decided to follow this procedure.

HJ commented that Cllr Michael Cooke is writing to the LINK with questions on the last Annual Report but the Board were not aware of what these were.

MS informed the Board that he had been invited to the launch of Healthwatch England on 1 October as he had been part of the Communications Group and asked if anyone had any questions they would like to put to Anna Bradley, Chair of Healthwatch England, to let him have them through the office. He also confirmed that he would not be attending the next Transition Board meeting.

7.2 Monthly Update from Stakeholders

MS referred the Board to the Board reports. He also referred to his role on the One East Midlands Steering Group (the regional equivalent of Voluntary Action Leicestershire (VAL) and reported that the Jane Jobarteh from the Department of Health was looking to work more closely with the LINKs through the Transition. He also advised there was an opportunity for the Chair to meet with the East Midlands LINKs Chairs in November.



7.3 Sub Groups Update

SC talked about a response he had received from John Short, Chief Executive Officers for Leicestershire Partnership Trust (LPT) relating to changes to Respite Care from December 2012. MS confirmed that SC had already raised the issue with LPT as she felt LPT had failed to consult with the LINK. She had suggested that LPT would have to work with the CCG to minimise the impact on families and carers. EC sought to clarify what SC's involvement was. MS referred EC to SC's report that clarified the matter to the Board's satisfaction.

JM attending as a member of the Public made the comment that respite was not all about learning disabilities but needed to take account of the adverse effects on adults.

SG suggested this should be put in writing to LPT as a question.

Action: For LINK to send a letter on behalf of the Board asking LPT the question.

7.4 Healthwatch Update

JM, Project Officer for Leicester City Council gave an update on Healthwatch:-

- Soft Market Testing now complete and tender advertised
- Local Healthwatch brand now available and Healthwatch Promotion Team will start to take it out to the Public
- The team would try to work in the Social Care Tag line, but any suggestions were welcome
- Team to meet in 3 weeks and design posters, leaflets' etc.

EC and NW asked Jade to explain if this could be a conflict of interest and she confirmed that this was being managed. MV commented that he was delighted to see work on the promotion of Healthwatch and to build on promoting what Healthwatch is and what it does, with LINK and LCC working together.

MS confirmed the Personalisation Group, as part of their work plan, wanted to try and capture people's experience and to look at the hidden costs sought in order to tease out the hidden costs of Care Homes v Domiciliary Care.

Action: MS to send the information to the Board

MS also spoke about the gaps in the current legislation being considered in Parliament and confirmed SC had met with Liz Kendall, who was going to take the issues forward.

MS also raised issues SM has with attending meetings of the 111 Development Group in continually cancelling meetings. JT said she was aware and would give a response.

7.5 Interim Matters to be ratified

There were no interim matters to be ratified

7.6 Budget Update

HJ presented the latest budget statement but no questions were asked.



7.7 Paediatric Congenital Cardiac Care (PCCC) Update

EC advised that due to being on holiday he had missed the OSC where further evidence was given and Cllr Michael Cook, Chair of the OSC agreed to send a report to the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt to ask him to consider a review of the original decision made, based on the evidence and expert testimony provided and that a response was expected in October.

He confirmed that Leeds had decided to go for a judicial review which could potentially throw everything up in the air again. HJ thanked EC for all the work he had done with the PCCC and MV said that the LINK should congratulate itself on the good work it had done and should seek a written endorsement from Councillor Cooke of the contribution LINK made which go into the Annual Report.

7.8 The position of LINKs being able to carry out its role following a decision by the NHS locally regarding Patient Participation and Involvement (PPI) for discussion

EC advised that at an NHS transition board "Better Care Together" he has been representing Leicestershire LINK, Dr Mike Pepperman (representing Leicester) and Katy Reynolds (Rutland LINK) have argued for LINK involvement rather than be a conduit for delivering decisions made by others. The PCT Cluster has said that LINK can only have one representative. HJ said he was grateful that LINK had one post, but needed to determine if this position could be rotated and a balance. SG insisted there should be a representative.

Action: The Board will support a lobby against only one LINK seat.

7.9 Presentation by Carlie Thompson – Assistant Director for Operations - East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS)

Carlie Thompson gave a presentation to the LINK Board around the consultation "Being the Best" 17 September – 17 December which lays out the proposals to create 13 purpose-built hubs/super stations, 131 Community Ambulance posts and standby points and disband 66 Ambulance Stations across the East Midlands.

Carlie confirmed this was not a cost-cutting exercise, it would not reduce the level of ambulance cover and would introduce staggered shift patterns to ensure robust cover.

Cost to update existing stations would be £13m – money could be better spent.

A copy of the full presentation is attached and further details can be found on their website: www.emas.nhs.uk



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8.0 Any Other Business

8.1 AQR Report

HJ asked if a letter had been sent as per Board Action 25 to Richard Morris regarding the AQR report and if so, had the LINK received a response?

GJ confirmed that a letter had been sent and was fairly sure a response had been received.

Action: GJ to confirm if response received

HJ then continued the discussion, talking about his recent experience with Brandon Street Surgery

JT suggested that any issues HJ may have, should be taken forward through the Clinical Commissioning Group

8.2 Health Checks for 40 – 74 year olds

MY raised the issue of what she considered to be Ageism as Health Checks were only for those up to 70 years old. JT said she would check and get back to MY

8.3 LOROS – End of Life Care

Mr S asked if once people went into LOROS they ever came out again. It was confirmed that Karen Ashcroft had made a presentation at the last Board meeting and it was confirmed that 70% of those who enter LOROS return home.

9.0 Future Meetings – Date and Time

Please note change of day and date

The next meeting of the Leicester LINK Board will be Thursday 18 October 2012, at the Peepul Centre, 28 Orchardson Avenue, Leicester LE4 6DP from 2.15 – 4.15pm

