

TITLE	LINK Update
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 January 2013
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WOKINGHAM LINK

Report to the WBC Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee
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General Matters

As March 31st 2013 approaches, matters of legacy and advice to successors loom large, but members of the LINK Steering Group continue with projects.

The Wokingham LINK will host a Public Meeting with Guest Speaker Ed Donald, the Chief Executive of the Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust. This will be held on Wednesday 27th February 2013, 2.00pm - 4.00pm at Crescent Resource Centre, Earley. If you wish to attend please contact Michelle Wooff Tel 0118 989 3959 / 0791 8055089.

Projects

1. The Annual report for April 2012 - Dec 2012 and The Wokingham LINK Legacy document prepared by a joint team from WBC and the Wokingham LINK, are both nearing completion and copies will be available to the members of HOSC before the next meeting.
2. The report of the Review of WBC Adult Social Care has led to an Action Plan being drawn up and it is hoped that the LINK and later Healthwatch Wokingham Borough can monitor the application of the Action Plan. The Steering Group has chosen this project to send to Anne Bradley, Chair of Healthwatch England, at her request, as the project of which they are most proud.
3. The Dental Patient Information project is completed but we are awaiting a response from NHS Berks West PCT Dental group about a meeting of all the LINKs involved to analyse the results.
4. Dignity in Care
 - a) In November 500 copies of a Dignity in Care survey were delivered to the Royal Berks Hospital with an agreement that they would be given to inpatients over 65 on their discharge. So far 80 copies have been completed and returned to West Berks LINK who are leading on this.
 - b) Pat Evans is in communication with Caroline Ainsley, the Director of Nursing at RBH about:
 - i) the Planned Operation Pre -Assessment building and process, and awaits the results of internal discussions.
 - ii) Her experience of a Planned Care operation compared with the paperwork initially issued for signature by the patient. She has been informed that the matter has travelled via the Matron of Planned Care to the Matron and Sister of the Christie ward, for their assessment. Presumably the reverse journey will be protracted.
 - c) Tony Lloyd is working with Caroline Ainslie to seek to revise the Complaints procedure.
5. Support to the Westmead Group Steering Group continues.