



Northumberland  
Community  
Development  
Network

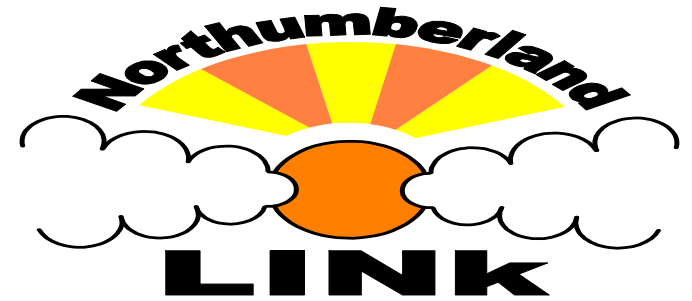


## Partners



- Adapt and Northumberland Community Development Company have formed a 'partnership' to deliver the host organisation role and wider facilitation of the LINK.
- Contract has been awarded and work is underway.

# LINK Membership



- Open to all
  - User led organisations
  - Local, Voluntary and Community sector organisations
  - Individual people
- But you do not have to be a member to get involved or have your say.

# LINK Steering Group



- Foundations for Northumberland LINK.
- Current members bring knowledge and experience.
- Process of reflection and identifying what people want to do in the future.

# LINK Work



(CPPIH) Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health identified,

“The first things a local involvement should do”...

1. Develop Policies and Procedures
2. Mapping Existing Activity
3. Governance and Accountability
4. Engagement and Participation
5. Communication and Information



## LINK Work Continued...

6. Agree a LINK Work Plan
7. Identify and Develop Relationships
8. Recruitment and Retention of LINK Members
9. Develop Monitoring, Evaluation
10. Equality and Diversity Issues
11. Finance and Funding Issues
12. Training and Support



# How We Will Do This

## Research & Scrutiny

### Task Group

- Agreeing priority areas for research and scrutiny
- Identifying pool of action researchers
- Training in research and scrutiny skills
- Design research and scrutiny programme
- Ongoing support group while programme underway
- Identify reporters
- Agree format of reporting and report to LINK membership

## Development Work

- Interviewing transitional steering group members and other key partners
- Recruiting wide and diverse membership including under-represented groups - youth, age, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, faith
- Agreeing structures and protocols, skills and support audit
- Establishing local groups in three main areas
- Establishing task groups for scrutiny and having a say
- Agreeing an action plan covering main areas for research and representation

## Having a Say

### Task Group

- Agree key areas to influence and representative advocacy opportunities
- Identify LINK members interested in being advocates and reps
- Training in representing your community
- Agree priorities for representation of LINK on key bodies and reporting mechanisms
- Develop briefings and consultation responses
- Ongoing support group for reps and advocates

# Communication



## **Information**

**Website**  
**Newsletter**  
**Briefings on strategies**  
**IT support for key individuals and groups**

## **Networking**

**Quarterly events**  
**Area network and task groups involved in action learning**  
**Discussion of scrutiny and reps' reports**



## Current Work

- Establishing a group to develop a Governance Structure
- Responding to current consultation on
  - \* Acute Care
  - \* GP Services
- Continue to recruit new members.

# Northumberland LINK



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