



Nottingham City Local Involvement Network (LINK)

Have your say!

What is a LINK?

A LINK is part of a new Government initiative to give local people a greater say on how their health and social care services are planned and run. LINKs are independent and will be made up of local people, community groups and organisations to ensure that local views are listened to.

Your LINK will give you the chance to say what you think and to suggest ideas to help improve services.

LINKs will not take over from groups that are already working in the community. LINKs will bring together the whole community and as they have certain powers, they should make it easier for groups and individuals to be heard.

LINKs around the country will have the same powers and responsibilities, but each LINK will be set up in a way that works best for its local community.

Background

There have been changes over the past few years in how health and social care services are planned and run and LINKs were introduced on the 1st April 2008. There will be 150 LINKs in the country and councils have had the role of gaining an independent company to act as the LINK support. However the council or the NHS are not able to influence what the LINK does.

Your host

The Carers Federation has been chosen as the 'Host' organisation for your LINK. The organisation was formed in 1992 and is built upon a solid foundation of community engagement and activity.

The organisation provides a wide range of services and strives to ensure that local people are better informed and able to influence the services provided across both health and social care.

The Carers Federation believes that “people don’t fit in boxes” and is committed to ensuring the LINK builds on local energy and networks to really make a difference.

What’s happening with Nottingham City LINK

The Carers Federation hosted an ‘Introduction to LINKs’ event on July 28th 2008. The event was well attended and people who live and work in Nottingham gave their views on how the LINK can work to represent the communities of Nottingham City.

Rob Gardiner (Carer’s Federation Operation Manager) and Julia Tabreham (CEO of The Carer’s Federation) both gave presentations about ‘The Local Picture’ and ‘Getting a LINK Started’.

Attendees worked together to suggest ideas on structure and best practice for the LINK.

If you would like more information about the LINK – or to receive information about the next Public Consultation Event, see below for details.

How do we get in touch?

If you would like to participate in the LINK and be kept informed of local issues that may affect you then please contact

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