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<b>project title</b>	Kensington & Chelsea Local Involvement Network		
<b>meeting type</b>	Physical Disabilities Sub-Group Public Meeting		
<b>minute no</b>	M-10	<b>Ref</b>	LINK
<b>held at</b>	Essex Unitarian Church 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, Notting Hill Gate, London, W8 4RT	<b>held on</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2011
	<p>Jeannie Lamb                      K&amp;C LINK Member  Gaenor Holland-Williams      K&amp;C LINK Member  Margaret Cairns-Irven          Chair of Physical Disability Sub-group  Imogene Martin                    K&amp;C LINK Member</p> <p>Guest:</p> <p>Melanie Foody                    Royal Brompton &amp; Harefield     Hospital</p> <p>Prof. Zenobia Nadirshaw      RBKC  Rifat Wahhab                      RBKC  Sean Crawford                    Imperial College Healthcare NHS     Trust</p> <p>LINK Host Staff:</p> <p>Simmone Hall                      LINK Administrator  Chris Conn                            LINK Development Officer</p>		
<b>Apologies</b>	Patricia Gani, Elizabeth C. Lucy- Robillard, Eve Cartwright, Natalie Doyle, Heather Andrews-Kerr.		

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Item	Arrival and Refreshments	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	
	Gaenor Holland - Williams welcomed those attending the meeting including guest from Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust and NHS Kensington & Chelsea.	
2	<b>Agreement of Previous Minutes – 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
	The minutes of the previous minutes were approved.	
3	<b>Update on the Learning Disability Health Sub-group and Possible partnership working with K&amp;C LINK Physical Disability Sub-group – Zenobia Nadirshaw, Head of Psychology, NHS Kensington &amp; Chelsea and Lead on the Health Sub-group</b>	
	<p>Zenobia Nadirshaw gave an update on the current workings of K&amp;C Learning Disability Health Sub-group and discussed ways in which the LINK can work in partnership.</p> <p>She said that the K&amp;C Learning Disability Health Sub-group was set up in 2003/4 by the Partnership Board. There are health inequalities suffered by people with learning disabilities (LD). For example, due to poor access to primary care and some inappropriate acute healthcare services, people with LD die much earlier than the general population. In addition, people with LD are prone to respiratory health conditions and coronary heart disease, five times more than the general population. They also suffer from other physical conditions which are not detected due to GP and other health professionals only observing the LD condition rather than the physical health conditions they could be suffering from.</p> <p>The health sub-group has brought to the notice of health staff on some of these issues. Rifat Wahhab, the LD health facilitator, has co-ordinated meetings with GP`s and training sessions for them, organising training at Chelsea &amp; Westminster Hospital and the Royal Marsden Hospital, and organising additional health information and health screening events for the local population. Some of the work success includes; Training with the people in Chelsea and Westminster borough prior to admission into hospital settings; Developing leisure and sport programme for people with learning disability in the borough.</p> <p>The group discussed partnership working and it was agreed that a representative from K&amp;C Learning</p>	<b>Simmone</b>

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	<p>Disability Health Sub-group will attend the next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May and also future meetings.</p> <p><b>Action</b>          LINK Host staff to forward meeting calendar to Zenobia Nadirshaw for Physical Disability and the Older Peoples sub-group meeting.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Supporting Patients with Learning Disabilities Policy and Supporting and Involving Carers Guidance –</b>          Sean Crawford, Interim Diversity Project Manager, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust</p>	
	<p>Sean Crawford informed the group that the ‘Supporting Patients with Learning Disabilities’ Policy and the ‘Supporting and Involving Carers Guidance’ forms part of the consultation process that Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust is involved in. The documents are geared towards staff to help improve the level of service provided to people with Learning Disability. <b>A copy of the Policy and Guidance notes can be obtained from the LINK office.</b></p> <p>Sean Crawford explained that people with learning disability will be asked to rate the services provided by local hospital over the next few months.</p> <p>Finally, the LINK can help to make a difference by raising awareness about the support that people with learning disability require.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Identifying work priorities for 2011</b></p>	
	<p>Group discussed and proposed the following as priorities for 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take the ‘Access to GP’ Survey to the – ‘resident reviewers’ stage. The questions will be tailored according to what the questionnaire revealed.</li> <li>• Find out what subsidiary medical care looking at the services available in the borough for people with physical disability e.g. podiatry, diabetic care.</li> </ul> <p>The above work priorities will be taken to the LINK management group for agreement.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Update on ‘ Access to GP’ Project</b></p>	
	<p>Over one hundred completed questionnaires were received. These are currently been compiled and a report should be completed by end of April.</p>	

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7	<p><b>Update from Sub-group members on issues, activities and events</b></p>	
	<p><b>6.1 Melanie Foody – Health Care for all community at Royal Brompton &amp; Harefield NHS Trust.</b></p> <p>Royal Brompton has set up a ‘Health Care for All Committee’ whose remit is to improve the quality of care for patients with learning and physical disabilities. The Trust has in place a lead for learning and physical disability. Learning disability awareness training was carried out in 2010 and there is physical disability training organised in 2011 for staff.</p> <p>The Trust’s Clinical Nurse Specialist for Adults with Congenital Heart Disease, many of whom have a learning disability, carried out a carer survey in 2010 looking at the experience of 20 carers of people with a Learning Disability who had been treated by Royal Brompton &amp; Harefield NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>Feedback about the Trust was very positive was almost 100% of respondents saying that the person they cared for was treated with dignity and respect. There were some issues raised in relation to patient information and access in terms of hospital building which the Trust is looking into.</p> <p>The Trust is looking to hold a joint physical and learning disability focus group later on in the year for patients to derive more information about the patient experience and to use this information to improve services.</p>	
8	<p><b>Details of Next Meeting</b></p>	
	<p><b>Date:</b> Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June  <b>Time:</b> 1 – 3pm  <b>Venue:</b> Edwards Woods Community Centre          60 – 70 Norland Road, London, W11 4TX</p>	