

EAST SUSSEX LINK INTERIM CORE GROUP
The County's Local Involvement Network in Health and Social Care

Report of attendance at a meeting/event/conference or training on behalf of the East Sussex LINK/Interim Core Group

Meeting Title	Presentation to East Sussex Youth Cabinet in partnership with PCT		
Date	7 th September 2008	Place	Archery Youth Centre Eastbourne
Attended by	Sue Weiner		

Summary of key points:-

Following invitation to present to East Sussex Youth Cabinet by Lou Carter preparatory meetings were held with Karen Gregory (Participation Worker | Unite Participation Team) and Mary-Ann Iwanski (Patient and Public Engagement and Equalities Officer) for a joint activity.

The aims of the session were:

1. Why young people might wish to get involved in Health and Social Care?
2. What are the burning issues that young people consider a priority?
3. How can we best work together in partnership with the Youth Cabinet?

The Youth Cabinet is made up of 12 elected representatives plus 5-6 nominated representatives from key groups eg Looked After Children (2), FE (1), Sensory Needs (1) and Youth Development Service (YDS 1). A member of the group sits on the Children's Trust Executive group. Further information about the cabinet can be found on:

www.myspace.com/youthcabinet.eastsussex.gov.uk/avoiceforyouth

Nine young people plus Karen Gregory and Maggie Boulter (ESCC) attended our session and following brief introductions Mary Ann (plus Isla Dowds PCT) and I engaged them in a physical 'ice breaker' where together we identified burning issues related to health and social care and asked the participants to vote (by moving to red, amber or green areas of the room) on the issues they considered to be most important. The top 5 results then informed our final workshop activity.

In workshop one we set up a 'graffiti wall' and provided 'post its' for the participants to identify methods they thought would be positive methods of communicating and negative methods of communicating. The participants were then invited to check all the methods listed and put a sticker on the one they felt was best.

In the final workshop each of the top 5 burning issues collected from the 'ice breaker' was placed in a table on large card and the participants were asked to complete the columns: (see example below)

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Burning Issue: Treat me with respect

What happens at the moment?	What needs to happen?	What will make this happen?	Who will make this happen?
-Went to A&E and treated as a trouble maker -My GP doesn't talk to me about my care	We need to be treated the same way adults are treated and not differently because of our age	Making services aware of how they treat young people and how they can change their approach. Raising the existing issues with them	-Youth Parliament campaigns - Advocacy e.g. Links Local MP - Hospitals trust PALS

NB; information from these exercises are being collated by the PCT. An updated version of this proforma will be provided once the information is received.

The final session was a 10 minute presentation from the PCT and the LINK. Key points presented to the group were:

- LINKs covers all PCTs, Trusts and Social Care in East Sussex
- Explanation that a LINK is a network of local people of all ages or groups and organisations who work together to improve local health and social care services
- LINKs have 'teeth' and can monitor and review local services, investigate areas of concern and hold services to account via OSCs

The whole session was well received by the group and feedback was very positive. A follow up meeting will be held with the PCT and ESCC for evaluation and future planning.

Circulation:

Core and Coopted group. Final version will be made available for website once the summary information and photographs have been provided by Mary-Ann.

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