

Work Plan November 2008

The LINK will start to look at the following issues:

1. Dental Practices Accessibility under the Disability Discrimination Act

A LINK Working Group will:

- look at how accessible dental practices are for disabled people
- survey people with disabilities and their carers to gather accurate information on this
- look at if the 8 out of 32 practices in Oldham that are accessible prioritise disabled patients
- develop a number of recommendations to improve the situation



2. Patient Environment Action Team (PEAT) inspections with NHS Trusts

- PEAT inspections have been prioritised, although there are none scheduled until 2009



3. In Control – Self Directed Support

- In Control is the system used in Oldham to deliver Individual Budgets.
- Individual budgets are being allocated to people for them to purchase their own social care packages



A LINK Working Group will:

- look at some of the practical difficulties of using In Control, in particular for older people and for people with learning disabilities.
- consider the issues, conduct consultation and develop a set of recommendations

4. Development of the new Integrated Care Centre

- A familiarisation visit to the new development has been requested for LINK Members



5. Royton Health & Well Being Centre Consultation

- The LINK Host has e-mailed the PCT's consultation questions to the LINK Membership. Members can reply to the Host, who will forward all responses on to Oldham PCT



6. Mental Health Day Service Provision/Respite Care

- Concern has been raised about the nature of current mental health day services and of respite care



A LINK Working Group will:

- look into current services, conduct consultation and to develop a series of recommendations

7. (Home Care) Sitting Services

- The LINK has received feedback that semi-emergency sitting services are not available, and there is a need for a more flexible service

A LINK Working Group will:

- look into current services, conduct consultation and to develop a series of recommendations



8. Communication throughout Care Pathways Consultation with Oldham PCT

- Oldham PCT has asked the LINK to be involved in this work, which will begin following discussions with the PCT



Please ring Jade on 0161 622 5700 or info@oldhamlink.org.uk if you would like to work on any of these issues. They will give you lots of support to take part.