



MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION EXPLAINED

A Member's Role

As a member of the LINK you make a commitment to take on a more active role on a regular basis in the development and implementation of the LINK through various activities. An individual, group or organisation may become a member of the LINK. Members may get involved in a range of tasks and activities according to individual interests and may also become authorised representatives (on satisfactory completion of a Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure) who may make use of the power to enter and view health and social care premises.

A Participant's Role

As a participant of the LINK an individual, group or organisation can influence the bigger picture through the roles of the LINK, even though they may not be in a position to participate on a regular basis. A participant may be interested in a single issue, may take an active role in specific pieces of work that relates to their areas of interest, or they may take a less active role by answering surveys or providing information about an issue they have had experience of or provide information on behalf of an interest group. There are a range of activities that you will be able to get involved with as and when you choose.

Members and Participants

The time that you put in being either a participant or a member can also vary. Some roles need a regular commitment whilst others can be arranged more flexibly. Some activities only happen within office hours, whilst some will operate at other times. We will work with you to find the best opportunities for your time and interests.

Remember signing up to the LINK in one way does not mean that somewhere along the road you can't decide to change or look at other opportunities. Participants and members can be involved in more than one type of activity. Training opportunities will arise for LINK members and participants and we will be working with people to capture their ideas around training opportunities or perhaps utilising the skills and experiences people would like to share.