

# **LGiU Good Practice Event**

## **Effective scrutiny of health commissioning**

**Thursday 11 December 2008**

**10:30-15:30**

**Venue:**        **LGiU Offices**  
                  22 Upper Woburn Place  
                  London  
                  WC1H 0TB

### **Rates**

DHN/ LGiU Affiliated Organisations:	£150.00 (£176.25 inc VAT)
Others:	£250.00 (£293.75 inc VAT)

### **Description**

Commissioning for health and well-being is a major challenge for the NHS and their local authority partners, and presents a similar challenge for health overview and scrutiny committees. The Department of Health has made clear that it expects health overview and scrutiny committees and Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) to move their focus away from individual service providers and on to strategic commissioning.

Although many health overview and scrutiny committees aspire to scrutinise commissioning plans and processes, few have yet grasped the nettle. This seminar will examine how health overview and scrutiny committees can effectively influence the commissioning of health, social care and well-being services, thereby improving health outcomes for local people.

Participants will take away a better understanding of how health overview and scrutiny committees can improve the commissioning process and ensure that local health services are effective, appropriate and accessible to local people. We will be presenting case studies to share emerging good practice, identify the major challenges and find solutions. We will also be presenting the findings of national research on the extent to which health overview and scrutiny committees are getting to grips with scrutinising health commissioning.

### **Speakers**

- Cllr Christopher Buckmaster, Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Health OSC
- Derek Cunningham, Health Advisor, Surrey County Council
- Cllr Chris Pitt, Chairman, Surrey County Council Health OSC
- Alyson Morley, Policy Analyst, Democratic Health Network

**Who should attend**

- Chairs, members and officers of health overview and scrutiny committees
- Health policy leads for local authorities, PCTs and SHAs
- NHS trust leads for partnership working
- NHS trust commissioning leads
- LINKs lead representatives and host organisations