

# BRIEFING NOTE

**TO: Social Care & Inclusion Scrutiny Panel**

**DATE: 11 February 2010**

**RE: WALSALL LINK UPDATE**

## **Purpose**

To inform the Social Care and Inclusion Scrutiny Panel of progress with the Walsall LINK.

## **Progress**

- Since the last progress report the LINK Board met on 21 January 2010. The general tone and behaviour in this meeting had improved compared with that experienced on 12 November 2009. However, there are still significant concerns over these issues, particularly with the Board intending, against advice, to act in contravention of and outside of its Constitution.
- A LINK Board workshop was held on Monday 25 January 2010. This was supported and facilitated by a representative of the Department of Health. The LINK host (Black Country Housing Association) has reported that the workshop was generally positive.
- A member of the LINK Board has approached NHS Walsall to see if the LINK could be appropriately amalgamated into the MyNHS, my Walsall Health Parliament. This potential opportunity is being explored and meetings have been arranged with the parties concerned.
- In reviewing the LINK Constitution it is clear that five LINK Board members should stand down at the AGM and an election should be held for the vacant places. The five members to stand down should be those who received the fewest votes when the Board was first established. Unfortunately, the Board membership was not selected on the basis of an election. It may, therefore, be necessary to hold a more general election of the Board at its first AGM.
- The Board plans to hold its first AGM in May 2010.

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