

**‘A LINK for Walsall’  
January 24<sup>th</sup> 2008**

(Draft Programme)

From April, the Government plans to replace Patient Forums with a Local Involvement Network (LINK), a new way to involve every one in influencing and having their say about health and social care in Walsall.

The purpose of this event is:

- To provide you with information about LINK and the process of setting up a LINK for Walsall
- To discuss who, and how, all our communities might be involved
- To listen to your views about how a LINK in Walsall could work

10.00 am	<b>Registration</b>
10.15 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction to the Workshop:</b> An introduction to the aim and format of the session.
10.20	<b>A LINK For Walsall – Introducing LINK</b>  Presentation by Rachel Harris, Health Scrutiny Expert Advisor and member of the CfPS LINKs Advisor Team. An overview and explanation of the different aspects of Local Involvement Networks.
11.00 am	<b>Walsall – Where Are We?</b>  Presentation by Lawrence Brazier, Head Of Procurement and Local LINK lead about the local progress of the current procurement process here in Walsall.
11.15 am	Tea/Comfort Break
11.30 am	<b>Work shop and Discussions</b>  Your opportunity to contribute your views about how a LINK in Walsall could work and discuss how all our community stakeholders can work with Walsall local authority in relation to the LINK. You will have the chance to say what are the most important things you think we need to do to make LINKs a success.
12.30 pm	<b>Plenary &amp; Roundup</b>
13.00 pm	<b>Networking Lunch</b>