



# LINK NEEDS YOU!

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## **Nottinghamshire County LINK Task & Finish Groups 2010 – 2011**

*The Work Plan for the forthcoming LINK year is in the process of being set and LINK needs you to be a part of it!*

Issues that were raised at the February workshops have now been prioritised by the Issues Panel and numerous Task & Finish groups are being set up to look in to each issue throughout 2010.

A number of groups will only have a short term life span, a couple are consultation-based and other Task & Finish Groups require more in depth work over a longer period of time and may involve Enter & View.

Members of all the groups can dip in and out of them as and when they can, as LINK would like as many volunteers as possible to participate.

**If you want to make a difference in any of these areas, be it just sharing an experience or by getting involved in one of the groups listed below, please let us know!**

**Please note**, all roles are purely voluntary and best suited to people who are looking to contribute their experience to a very worthwhile cause, without a personal agenda. Travel expenses are paid at the discretion of the LINK and FREE ongoing training is provided.

A thorough breakdown of all new Task & Finish Groups will be sent out in the near future. In the meantime if you are interested in one of the groups listed on the following page, please do get in touch.

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## Nottinghamshire County LINK Working Groups 2010 - 2011

### Task & Finish Groups

- ❖ To improve the individual end of life care choices that are not being fully met in Broxtowe.
- ❖ To improve access to domiciliary dentists in Gedling.
- ❖ To increase engagement with younger people in Mansfield.
- ❖ To run a consultation on expected information for patients at point of diagnosis
- ❖ Enable patients to receive information in the correct format - language, print size, easy read etc.
- ❖ Identify and improve gaps in BME community services.
- ❖ Increase support with feeding inpatients and maintain the Red Tray scheme.
- ❖ Access to Hydrotherapy Services
- ❖ Transport services for outpatients travelling to appointments.
- ❖ To improve communications between NHS trusts, social care services and third sector companies.

### Short Term Projects Running in Rushcliffe

- ❖ Are you tired with issues that seem simple to address but no one has attempted to yet?
- ❖ Do you want to start the ball rolling and make a difference to long term inequalities in the area?
- ❖ Do you know what a National Key Scheme is and how it could help you?
- ❖ What is happening with Bingham Health Centre?
- ❖ Do you wonder why you always have to go to West Bridgford for any health and social care services needed?

### Work Plan Issue Currently Under Review

- ❖ To run a consultation on Dementia services at pilot ward NUH and look in to levels of staff training on Dementia