



# A Local Involvement Network for Leeds



## Shaping the Leeds LINK

Developing new ways to have your say in health and social care

**4th December 2007 9.15 to 3.45**

**Leeds Civic Hall - Banqueting Suite**

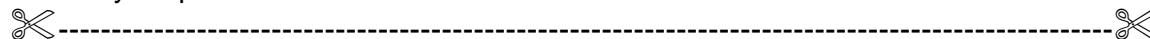
- ▶ Are you part of a patient, service user or carer group?
- ▶ Are you a voluntary community or faith sector group providing health or social care services?
- ▶ Do you represent the public in matters of health and social care in Leeds?
- ▶ Are you part of the public sector with responsibility for ensuring public involvement and consultation around health and social care?
- ▶ Are you part of the independent or private sector with an interest in health and social care matters?

**Come and tell us how you think we can improve the way that you can make your views known about health and social care in the city.**

If you are interested in coming and want to request a free place, please fill in the tear-off slip below, and return to Sajeela Mukhtar at Leeds City Council (preferably by email to: [sajeela.mukhtar@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:sajeela.mukhtar@leeds.gov.uk)). You can also telephone to request a place by calling: 0113 247 7396, or alternatively return by post (postal address is overleaf).

**We will need to hear from you by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to be able to allocate your place.**

A programme, map and other details will be sent out to you when we have been able to confirm your place.



I would like to attend the event on 4<sup>th</sup> December to help **Shape the LINK** for Leeds

Name .....

Organisation .....

Address .....

Email .....

Telephone ..... Please see over for any special needs

# Background information

For the past four years Public and Patient Involvement Forums have provided an independent voice to help people to have their say about health services in their area.

Following consultation across the country, the government has introduced a new system, the Local Involvement Network or LiNK to replace the Forums.

- For the first time there will be a system which brings health and social care issues together from the patient and service user point of view.
- Local Councils have been given the duty to set up a LiNK for their areas so Leeds City Council has started the process for commissioning an organisation to act as Host. Its role will be to develop the LiNK and give practical support.
- The LiNK will be an independent network that will determine its own ways of working and its own work plan within the statutory regulations that will govern it
- The LiNK will be made up of many more people than the Patient Forums. It will be a network of user-led organisations and other voluntary, community and faith organisations as well as individuals and groups. The aim is to make it easier to represent the views of the many different people that make up our population and to ensure that they are listened to by the people who commission health and social care services and the people who provide them.

**Please Note:**

***We will do our best to ensure that the event caters for the needs of everyone.***

We want to make sure that we have a wide range of views. Although the Banqueting Suite is large, we don't want to overcrowd it so we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. We have booked signers and will be happy to arrange buddies or guides to ensure that everyone attending can participate fully.

We will also be contacting groups representing people who may find large events of this sort difficult to express themselves in, so that they have other ways to let us know what they think.



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**Do you have any dietary requirements?**

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Do you have other needs with which you may need assistance?

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