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Partnership Board Engagement LINK Representatives

The CHCF has now met separately with all but one LINK Representatives; this took place mainly during July. It was some of the LINK Representatives preference to meet separately and the CHCF agreed to meet at venues of their choice.

The main areas of concern appear to be that Partnership Boards;

- will create their own work plans without seeking residents views on priorities
- will not feel accountable to residents or the Community and Voluntary sectors as there is little or no direct membership from them
- that older people, carers and those with disabilities will not have issues directly affecting them as a priority for the Boards
- that the costs of engagement are too high to carry out on a regular basis
- there is insufficient knowledge and understanding about Clinical Commissioning Groups in the community
- LINK members and other residents may only hear the highlights of developments
- each Boards areas of responsibility are not service or locality specific
- LINK Representatives will have even more demands on their time if they are expected to be involved in everything
- there is little or no opportunity for the Community and Voluntary Sector to have a working relationship with Clinical Commissioning Groups

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