

North Tyneside LINK – Meetings Report

<p>Date Tuesday 6th April 2010 PAT WILSON</p>	<p>I was standing in for Pat Bottrill at this meeting and had not met anyone there before. I gather there were a lot of people missing and the Agenda was adjusted but very difficult for a new person attending to follow.</p>
<p>Meeting: North East Ambulance Local Involvement Network Forum</p>	

Notes

Apparently the QE Hospital at Gateshead was the first in the Country to suggest that the most popular 30 drugs needed in any hospital ward were actually on the Ward Drugs Trolley. This has brought about a new experimental way of supplying the patient with drugs to take when they leave hospital. The Patient takes a 'green bag' into hospital with them and this contains their medication. The green bag is put into their bedside cabinet for the duration of their stay. When their discharge is due their green bag is replenished from the ward drugs trolley and, therefore, usually eliminates the wait for medication to be provided by the Hospital Pharmacy. This has proved very time saving to all concerned, and especially to ambulance crews who often arrive to pick up the patient only to find they are waiting for their drugs from the pharmacy.

It is still only a pilot scheme but has been successful enough to have been extended to another two wards, and as Pat Bottrill suggested it could be useful for the Hospital Discharge Group to follow up.

What outcomes, decisions made, follow up etc needs to be reported back to the wider LINK, LINK Team or Board? (can you please forward copies of any minutes or papers that were given at the meeting)
A. Any copies of minutes etc. are available from the relevant NEAS web pages. On my attached notes, I have added to a comment Pat Bottrill made about the Pharmacy Pilot at the QE Gateshead, which might be useful in connection with the Hospital Discharge project.

Are there any decisions that the LINK Team, Board, or member focus group, need to make or consider as a response to the meeting?

A. I have sent Hannah [Claydon, LINK Development Worker] a short statement to enable a report to be submitted, if thought appropriate and be relevant, and which had to be received by Thursday 15th April 2010 in connection with the Quality Accounts.

Can you list specific decisions taken that you were able to have an input to...

A. I was there purely as an Observer and it was impossible to have any input.

Please list any instances where you felt that you were not heard or treated unequally...

A. As I had no input this question is not really relevant

Please give brief details of any 'successes' that could be publicised to the wider network.

A. I can only refer again to the work NEAS and the LINK Reps from Gateshead are doing regarding the Pharmacy Pilot and the Ambulance crew member who gave good reports on how it seemed to be working.

Date, Time and venue of next meeting(s)

A. Wednesday 9th June 2010 – 10.30 – 12.30 at Bliss Ability – 34-35 New Green Street South Shields NE33 5DL