

R.S.V.P.

I would like to attend:

Volunteer Selection Event: 29 March 2011

Yes please! I want to volunteer to help patients and the public across Somerset have a greater voice. Please send me an information pack.

I would like to attend the following session:

- 5pm- 6.30pm 7pm-8.30pm

Light refreshments will be available for both sessions.

I am particularly interested in:

- The Stewardship Group
 The Priorities Panel
 The Enter & View Team
 I'm not sure yet!

Public Event: 6 April 2011

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Any dietary / access needs?
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Thank you!

Please return this in the Freepost envelope provided.



Your voice on local health and social care

LINK Volunteer Event:

Tuesday 29 March 2011
Bridgwater
(5pm and 7pm)

and

LINK Public Event:
LINK to the Future!
How the NHS is changing
(& what it all means!)

Wednesday 6 April 2011
Bridgwater
10am – 3pm

You are invited to...

In 2012, LINKs all over England will be turning into Local HealthWatch as part of the government's plans to reform health and social care.

Somerset LINK will become Somerset Healthwatch: "the consumer champion for health and social care in Somerset."

Come along and find out more -
and find out how you can be a part of a more effective
patient-centred movement at the Somerset LINK.

Volunteers Wanted !!!

Stewardship Group & Priorities Panel

Are you passionate about patients and the public having their say about health and social care services?

Do you want to make sure that peoples' stories about their care are heard and acted upon?

The next year is a big year for the LINK as we prepare for HealthWatch - and we want to make sure that local people are in a position to make their stories heard and to ensure that the public is getting the best possible treatment from health and social care services.

But to do this, we need a strong volunteer base of Somerset residents who can give their time and passion for health and care services to advocate for patients and the public and hold services to account.

We are therefore re-launching our Steering Group and setting up a new 'Priorities Panel' which will guide the work of the LINK and help run projects.



We are holding a Selection Event in Bridgwater on Tuesday 29 March 2011 which is open to anyone who wants to volunteer with the LINK.

Anyone interested is welcome to contact us and find out more – or complete the attached form to let us know you are coming, and we'll send you an information pack.

Public Event: LINK to the future!

How the NHS is Changing (& what it all means!)

Wednesday 6 April 2011
10am – 3pm (lunch included)
Bridgwater & Albion Rugby Club
Bath Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4TZ



Come along and find out more about NHS changes and what they mean for local health services – and your local LINK!

In the morning we have speakers talking about the 'NHS Reforms' and what they might mean for their organisations, including local GPs and local hospitals – and also a view about what this might mean for patients from Tina Thompson, South-West Manager for the Patients' Association.

In the afternoon we will look at what the LINK has done this year, what we know so far about HealthWatch (the LINK's new identity from April 2012!) and what work we will be doing in the 'transition year.'

This should be an interesting day and will hopefully inspire us all to make sure that the 'patient voice' continues to be heard in Somerset!

The event (and lunch) is free so please book early! (Priority will be given to Somerset residents who are not attending in a professional capacity.)