



**LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK (LINK)
Joint Working Group (JWG)
UPDATE FOR THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

June 2010

All seven LINKs are now represented on the JWG. The valuable support given to the Group by GRCC acting as secretariat is much appreciated.

Members are now completing CRB checks and Enter and View training so that the Group will be able to engage in some scrutiny of hospital handover times and PTS criteria if it was needed. Concerns exist that administrative delays are holding back the checks and training because the various host support is limited.

The JWG wishes to see greater integration of ambulance services into local healthcare communities. ECPs are particularly relevant and appropriate to this role. The JWG notes that there are concerns within this professional community that they are becoming de-skilled and less able to serve the community in the ways envisaged from the onset of their entry into service.

GWAS has set up an ECP review Project Board and the JWG chair is a member of this Board.

The JWG Chair recently met the GWAS CEO, Dave Whiting, and expects to meet the lead commissioner in the near future. The meeting is to discuss how ambulance services, beyond the strictly emergency dimension, can make a broader contribution to community healthcare, thereby avoiding the duality of commissioning which may happen and the isolation of healthcare initiatives, where 'togetherness' is not necessarily happening.

The Trust lead on dementia will be speaking to the Group at its next meeting in June.

The Group recently had a productive meeting with GWAS representatives to discuss the Trust's Quality Account, prior to submitting its comments via the Wiltshire LINK

The JWG has welcomed its positive relationship with GWAS since its inception and looks forward to this continuing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Albert Weager', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Albert Weager (Chair)
28th May 2010