

Essex & Southend LINK

For better social & health care

LINK
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Introduction

Presentation will cover:

- Brief overview & role of Essex and Southend LINK
- What Essex and Southend LINK can do
- Developments of Essex and Southend LINK

Background

- Set up in England April 2008: to give communities a stronger voice in how their health and social care services are delivered
- LINk is a network of individuals, groups and communities in Essex and Southend that are working together to maintain and improve local health and social care services
- LINks will find out what people want, investigate issues and use their powers to hold services to account

Role of LINK

- Provide a single approach to **monitoring** health and social care
- Provide a stronger, more independent voice
- Be more representative
- Make community involvement more convenient & services much more accountable

What the LINK can do

- Under statute if it makes a formal approach to a commissioner or provider they must answer within 21 days
- The LINK can make statutory referrals to Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Secretary of State
- The LINK will have a small team of 20 people who will undertake enter & view visits and make reports

Developments

Theme, issue and task groups set up on:

- Mental Health, Alcohol, Drug and Substance Misuse
- Hospital Discharge
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Locality Roadshows
- Enter and View Recruitment
- Public Relations
- Governance Steering Group

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Any questions?

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