

# MEDWAY LINK BULLETIN

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## 1. Medway LINK Office Accommodation

Further to Issue 5 we are pleased to inform you that the Medway LINK office has now been furnished and once the IT equipment has been made secure, both Local Development Workers will be working from there on their allocated days. We are also pleased to inform you that we are in the process of getting e-mail address for both LDWs changed so that they contain 'MedwayLINK' in the wording. We will not hesitate in informing you of the new addresses once up and running and tested. In the interim, please continue to use those previously supplied for both Graham Hills and Jane Williamson.

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## 2. Medway LINK Development Workers

Please note that Jane Williamson will be on annual leave as from Thursday, 23 October 2008 until Monday, 10 November 2008. Graham Hills and the administration staff located in Folkestone will be covering her work during her absence.

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## 3. Medway NHS Foundation Trust

### LINK Representation on the Trust Anaesthetics Governance Group

Please note that we have been contacted by the above Trust as they are seeking LINK representation on the above Group. If any person is interested in representing the LINK can they please contact Janine Judd at the office confirming their acceptance, in the interim we will source further information on the Group to pass over to the LINK representative.

### Stakeholder Meeting

We are very pleased to confirm that we have now met with Suzanne Brooker, Head of Patient & Public Involvement for the Trust. The meeting was very productive in that we discussed ways of working, opportunities to raise the LINK's profile, patient and public participation and events held by the Trust that the LINK can become involved in.

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## 4. Medway Primary Care Trust

### Stakeholder Meeting

We are very pleased to confirm that we have now met with Kim Eaglestone, Head of Patient & Public Involvement for the Trust. Again, the meeting was very productive and many ways in which the LINK can work with the PCT were discussed.

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## 5. Recruitment to the Medway LINK Coordinating Team

All members of the existing Steering Group have now received information packs on the Medway LINK Coordinating Team and we are pleased to confirm that many have applied to sit on the Team. In addition to this, following the advert placed in three Medway newspapers, we have only received three requests for information packs. Considering the response received for the Kent LINK advert this is very poor and we do need to obtain more interested parties. We have therefore electronically sent the advert to all organisations / individuals within Medway on our database but would also urge those current members of the Steering Group who have not yet applied to apply. We strongly believe that the current expertise amongst the Group should not be lost and could greatly benefit the LINK.

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## 6. HACO Conference – 30 October 2008 – Corn Exchange, Rochester

Please note that the Medway LINK logo has now been printed on both the Conference bags and pens. In addition to Graham Hills, who is giving a talk on LINKs as part of the Conference agenda, we will also have KMN staff on hand, to man the publicity stand and raise the LINKs profile.

Please remember to confirm your attendance direct to Tina Murphy on 01634 844044.

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## 7. Medway LINK Publicity Literature

Following your agreement to the draft Medway LINK leaflet and poster, the final version has now been printed up and we are currently holding a large stock of both. Should anybody wish to receive a stock so that they can pass the leaflet out during their travels, please do not hesitate to contact Janine Judd at the office.

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## 8. Medway LINK Steering Group Meeting – Monday, 27 October 2008

The next Medway LINK Steering Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, 27 October 2008 from 3.30pm – 5.30pm at the Mayors Parlour, Brook Theatre, Chatham. We are now in the process of preparing an agenda and would be grateful if any agenda items you wish to be included, could be forwarded to Janine Judd either by telephone 01303 297050 or e-mail [info@kmn-ltd.co.uk](mailto:info@kmn-ltd.co.uk) as soon as possible.

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