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# Sutton LINK Newsletter

Your views matter to us

## So what is it about?

Sutton Local Involvement Network (LINK) is a new network to enable local people to improve services in Sutton especially health and social care services



## How do I get my views heard?

Anyone can be part of Sutton LINK, whether you are an individual or a community group. Join for FREE by completing a registration form and you will be kept informed of all Sutton LINK activities



## What are the benefits of being involved?

- You can influence decisions about local services provided by the council health service
- You can have a stronger voice in helping local services provide better care
- You can highlight community issues you are concerned about

## Different ways of getting involved



- Receive a newsletter/email updates/access the website
- Receive consultations/reports about issues that interest you
- Join a working group to improve services you are interested in



- Attend meetings and represent the LINK
- Stand for election to the LINK steering group in December 2008 and help run the LINK



## For further Information

Please contact: Sara Thomas or Janice McCulloch at the host organisation SCVS on 020 8644 2867 alternatively email: [link@suttoncvcs.org.uk](mailto:link@suttoncvcs.org.uk)

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## Achievements so far



- SCVS were successful in winning the bid to host the Sutton LINK in July
- We have a LINK team Susanna Bennett, Janice McCulloch (Sutton LINK Manager) and Sara Thomas (Sutton LINK Administrator) we are looking to recruit an Outreach & Communication Worker
- We have established an Interim Steering Group with existing Community Engagement Representatives (CEN) and Patient and Public Involvement Representatives (PPI) to set up the new LINK
- We have devised a leaflet for people to register an interest and begun to promote LINK

## Work in progress



- Raising awareness and working on increasing the membership of the Sutton LINK
- Designing the Sutton LINK logo and publicity material
- Developing the new Sutton LINK interactive website
- Putting in place the arrangements to run the LINK and ensure it is accountable to local people
- Organising elections to the steering group in January 2009
- Finding out what the priorities should be for the LINK through consulting local people and service providers



## Sutton LINK Elections



Are you passionate about influencing local health, social care and community services in Sutton?

- Do you want to make a real difference for people who live in Sutton?
- Do you live in the London Borough of Sutton?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?
- Do you have time that you can commit to being a Sutton LINK Representative?

If so then we are looking for someone like you to stand for election to the steering group of the new Sutton LINK

If you would like to know more information or would like to receive a nomination pack then please contact Janice McCulloch on 020 8644 2867 or email [Janice@suttoncvs.org.uk](mailto:Janice@suttoncvs.org.uk)