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Come along to the Sutton LINK Launch

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reasons to come along to the Sutton LINK Launch:

- Find out more about Sutton LINK
- Find out the benefits of becoming a member
- Meet the Steering Group Representatives
- Have your say about local health, social care and council issues and get involved in influencing local decisions
- See the official launch of the website

Wednesday 29th April 2009
 Salvation Army, Benhill Avenue, Sutton, SM1 4DD
 9.30am—2pm
 This is a **FREE** event including Lunch and a Raffle

Places are limited call **020 8644 2867** or email **sara@suttoncvs.org.uk** to reserve your place

LINK Steering Group

After a further round of elections the full steering group is now in place, although we still have no representative for Environmental issues so if you are interested in this role please contact Janice McCulloch.



Ted Gates the representative for Disabled People has been elected as Chair of the Sutton LINK.



Roy Prytherch representative for the Sutton & Merton PCT has been elected as Vice-Chair.



For further Information on Sutton LINK - Please contact ...

Janice McCulloch, Sara Thomas or Chris Gallagher at the host organisation SCVS on 020 8644 2867 alternatively email: info@suttonlink.org.uk

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Meet the new Hospital Representative



Fatema Uddin—Representative for Hospital Services

In my previous role as a PPI Manager at the heart of Birmingham's PCT, I learnt to listen to and work with patients and co-workers in the areas that require change, therefore identifying need for and implementing action. Credibility within my own work sphere, with colleagues at all levels was created through my continual championing of patients interest within the trust, resolving issues quickly and through regular feedback in reports to relevant boards and respective committees.

Meet the new Substitutes

Substitutes have been elected to support the main steering group representatives and so we are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Wendy Ferrell – Carers Substitute - I have lived in Sutton since 1974 and have a good knowledge of its character and local services. From 1983 to 1995 I was an administrator for social services so have a good background in community care, and local resources. I have been a Carer for my mother since 1985 and have first hand experience in accessing many of the services available for the elderly. I work as a volunteer support worker at the Carers Centre listening to and advising Carers. I also served on the social services performance committee for six years as Carers representative and spoke out on many occasions.

Kenneth Fish – Mental Health Substitute - I am the Chair of the Carers Action Group (CAG) for Mental Health issues. I am also the Chair of the Carers Partnership Board. I and the members of CAG attend bi-monthly meetings with the Service Director of the Mental Health Trust for Sutton and Merton. As a Carer I have had knowledge and experience of the mental health services, both inpatients and outpatients available in Sutton and the adjoining boroughs serviced by the Mental Health Trust, since 1982. I appreciate the need for adequate and good mental health services for the residents of Sutton in Sutton.

Judith Smith – Young Peoples Substitute - My involvement in youth work going back over the last 30 years has included teaching in secondary and special schools, church based youth work and helping to start and run several local charities working with young people: Sutton Schools Christian Workers Trust; Sutton Ramp Events and Impact Sutton. I am currently employed by Sutton Christian centre as their Community Liaison Worker which means I am a link to the Police, Council, Voluntary Sector and other churches. I am also the Chair of Sutton Ramp events – a charity working with skating, blading and bmx riding young people in Sutton.