

How do you wish to be involved?

(please tick as appropriate below)

I am interested in becoming a member of the LINK Board and understand there is an election process involved in this duty

I am happy to attend public meetings and events that I am interested in

I am interested in becoming a trained LINK representative to view and monitor local services of the LINK, which requires me to undergo a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check

I am happy to complete on-line surveys and communication about health and social care

I would like to be kept informed by regular bulletins and updates about the Bedfordshire LINK.

Please be assured that your personal details will not be shared with anyone else outside Voluntary Action Luton. All information will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

**Please return your membership form to the freepost address overleaf.
Thank you.**

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Finding out more

If you would like further copies, a large-print copy or information about us and our services, please telephone or write to us at our address below.

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**Come Join Your
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Network LINK**



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*“How you can make a difference
in shaping health and social care
services in Bedfordshire”*

What is Bedfordshire LINK?

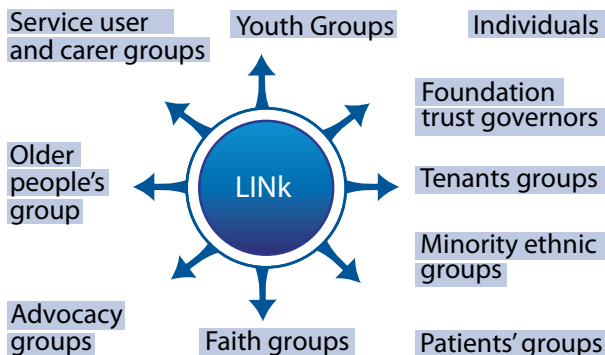
LINK stands for Local Involvement Network – a network of individuals, groups and communities, who want to work together to improve local health and social care services.

What will the LINK do?

The LINK will help the citizens of Bedfordshire speak with a stronger, local voice by:

- Supporting local people to say what they think of local health and social care services, what is good and what needs to be improved
- Giving people a chance to suggest ideas to health and social care professionals that may help to improve services
- Training members of the public to carry out spot checks, when necessary, to see if services are working well
- Getting attention for neglected issues and ideas

Who can be involved?



Why should I get involved?

Think about the last time you saw your GP or attended your local hospital. Were you happy with the treatment and service you received?

Is it sometimes difficult for you to get the health or social care services you need? What would make it easier?

Have you or family or friends got complex health or social care service needs? What would make it easier to access these?

How much time would it involve?

This is entirely up to you.

It could involve:

A few minutes completing a survey

Attending occasional meetings or events that interest you

Getting involved in a group looking at a specific issue

Becoming a trained LINKs representative who goes to view and monitor local services

Receiving regular bulletins and information

Getting involved in the LINK Board (Advisory Group).

Joining the LINK

If you are interested in joining Bedfordshire LINK, please complete the attached form and return it to the Freepost address provided. Alternatively, you can join on-line or by phone.

Membership Form

Bedfordshire Local Involvement Network (LINK)	
Title:	
First name:	
Last name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
(if you have given an email we will use this method to contact you unless you tell us otherwise)	
Gender (please tick)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Ethnicity:	
To ensure that the LINK is fully inclusive and diverse, please specify your ethnic origin.	
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What areas of health and social care particularly interest you?

(please tick boxes below as appropriate)

NHS:

GPs, dentistry, pharmacy services, opticians and community health services

Hospital services

Mental health hospital services

Ambulance and patient transport services

Other: please specify

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Social Care:

Carer support services

Adult learning disability services

Older people's services

Services for people with physical disabilities

Sensory services

Other: please specify

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Services provided jointly by Health and Social Care:

- Hospital discharge (leaving hospital after a stay)
- Mental health (community services)
- Intermediate Care Rehabilitation (help coming out of or staying out of hospital)

Specific interest:

- Children
- Younger People
- Adults under 65
- Adults 65 plus