

**Get involved! Help improve health and social care services in Reading.**

**Reading LINK e-bulletin 1 9th January 2009**

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### **What is the Reading LINK?**

Your LINK gives you the opportunity to influence your local health and social care services. Anyone can get involved, and it has been set up to make sure that people in Reading get the health and social services they need. We want to hear about your ideas for improvements or changes. We have the legal power to implement small changes and influence big changes.

The Reading LINK is an independent body with a representative Board supported by Reading Voluntary Action [see below for more detail.]

### **Reading LINK Stakeholder Meeting - Monday 26 January 2009 5pm to 7pm Kennet Room, Reading Civic Centre**

Come along and find out more. Speak up for your members and let us know their health and social care issues. Participate in what promises to be lively discussions with senior representatives from the Primary Care Trust, Reading Borough Council, LINK Board members and other voluntary organisations. Key topics looking for real solutions:

- What can be done to make sure everyone can access the health or social care they need?
- Where does healthcare begin and social care end? How can service providers make sure people receive joined up services and prevent people falling between the two?

Please let us know if you intend coming so we can cater for you – contact Elaine/Sheena on 0118 9584849 or [sheena@volaction.demon.co.uk](mailto:sheena@volaction.demon.co.uk)

### **Reading LINK Board**

The LINK Board has 11 members:

John Rogers – Faith Forum  
John Shaw – Princess Royal Carers Trust  
Janet Wignall – MacMillan Cancer Support  
Nina Sethi – Sakoma  
Malcolm Stone – Reading Federation of Tenants and Residents Association  
Anthony Hall – individual  
David Shepherd – individual  
Clare Palmer – individual  
Mary Jacobs – Reading Children's & Voluntary Youth Services  
Jan Rothwell – Reading Citizens Advice Bureau  
Emel Soyly – Art Beyond Belief

### **Reading LINK host team – employed by Reading Voluntary Action Contact 0118 9584849**

Sheena Masoero LINK Co-ordinator - [sheena@volaction.demon.co.uk](mailto:sheena@volaction.demon.co.uk)  
Elaine Holloway LINK Development Worker - [elaine@volaction.demon.co.uk](mailto:elaine@volaction.demon.co.uk)

### **Related meeting**

**Reading Compact Group** – Thursday 15th Jan 6-8pm [sandwiches and refreshments from 5.45pm] Kennet Room, Civic Centre.

Will be discussing, among other items:

- Community Care and the impact of commissioning for self directed support.
- Progress on PCTs Commissioning Strategy.

Please inform Irene Cameron at RBC if you wish to attend – [irene.cameron@reading.gov.uk](mailto:irene.cameron@reading.gov.uk)

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