

Healthwatch Reference Group (HRG)

Notes of meeting 8th March 2018

Bedford Hospital (BHT) merger with Luton and Dunstable Hospital (L&DH)

The HRG received a presentation on how people can become members of the new organisation and the benefits of becoming a member.

- Members are able to elect governors in a public vote. There is also a public workshop about the hospital merger.
- The membership was for L&DH but has been extended to BHT, and they seek new members for BHT.
- There is no cost to become a member
- Members must renew their membership every 2 years.
- Proposed name for hospital merger is 'Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust'.
- Both hospitals working closely together towards the merger.
- Some services may be swapped between L&DH and BHT, but no proposals have been made to move any services as of yet.
- David Carter was now confirmed as the substantive Chief Executive for L&DH.

Social Prescribing

The HRG was provided with an overview of this new initiative. Please see attached slides.

Date of next meeting

This scheduled to be held on the 14th June 2108. Same time and same venue

Note of Organisations represented at the Healthwatch Reference Group

ACCM (UK)
Age Concern Bedfordshire
Alzheimers Society
Autism Bedfordshire
Bedford Borough Council
Bedford Community Self Help Group
Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
British Red Cross
Carers in Bedfordshire
Citizens Advice Bureau
East London Foundation Trust
Mature Citizens Action Group
Mind BLMK
Neuro Network
Noah Enterprise
Sight Concern
Sue Ryder St John`s Hospice Moggehanger
Voluntary Organisations for Children, Young People & Families in Bedfordshire
YMCA Bedfordshire

**Should your organisation be represented at these meetings?
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