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Trust signs up to working protocol with LINK

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and Rutland LINK have signed up to a protocol for working together in a bid to give patients more of a voice on local healthcare issues.

The independent Local Involvement Network gives members of the public and community groups the chance to comment on local health and social care services, identifying gaps in services and recommending how existing services could be improved.

The protocol was created as the trust and the LINK want to ensure that patients and the public have an active voice in determining the shape and delivery of health services across Rutland.

John Short Chief Executive of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust said “This working protocol sets out a standard for how the trust and the LINK want to work together for the benefit of patients, carers and the wider public. It will help us to involve people more in how we deliver and develop services as well as the information we publish about them.

The working protocol was signed at the trust’s headquarters in Enderby on 2 February and aims to:

- Support both organisations to involve patients and the public in the planning and developing of both new and existing health services
- Actively listen to and seek feedback from patients, carers and the public
- Remain sensitive to the differing needs, values and preferences of patients, carers and the public
- Ensure patients, carers and the public are fully engaged in the design and delivery of service provision and information

Diane Brent, chair of Rutland LINK Steering Group, added: “Rutland LINK is really pleased to now be involved in such a high level. Rutland LINK is finally achieving a patient voice in necessary services for the people of Rutland.”



Picture caption: Signing the working protocol are LPT Chief Executive John Short and Rutland LINK Steering Group Chair Diane Brent.

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Note to editors

1. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living in the city of Leicester and the neighbouring counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million and has a budget in excess of £250 million and employs almost 6,000 staff. For more information visit www.leicspt.nhs.uk/
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