

NALM's history:

NALM was formed on April 1st 2008. Our first Steering Group was elected from amongst members of Patients' Forums on May 1st 2007 through an election carried out by the Electoral Reform Society. Our first Steering Group decided to remain in post until April 2nd 2009 to ensure continuity, the capacity to influence government and the opportunity to continue building a grassroots organisation ready for newly elected officers to take over on April 2nd. A primary objective of NALM was to encourage former members of Patients' Forums to remain active in the community and to pass on their expertise and experience to new LINK members and Hosts.

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Individual LINKs members of LINKs can join the 'National Association of LINKs Members' (NALM) by filling in this form and returning it to one of the addresses above.

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Your Name:

Full Address:

Email/Telephone:

I attach the membership fee: individual £5-00 LINK £20-00

Name of your LINK: Date:

Please make cheques payable to the National Association of LINKs Members

Welcome to National Association of LINKs Members

A national organisation of LINKs
and LINKs members, committed
to building a powerful national
voice to influence government and
build alliances on major health
and social care issues.

Our Aims:

- To build a national voice for LINKs and promote open and transparent communication between LINKs members and communities across the country;
- To campaign for equality of access to all health and social care services;
- To support active involvement in service development for people whose voices are usually unheard;
- To promote effective public involvement and influence in key decisions about the planning, commissioning and quality of services;
- To promote the collective capacity and effectiveness of LINKs' members to influence health and social care policy and strategy at a regional and national level;
- To support the right of communities to be involved and engage in consultations about proposed changes to services and hold those responsible for services to account;
- To promote genuine accountability of the NHS and social care providers to patients and public.

NALM is a grassroots organisation - we engage with people locally, regionally and nationally on the issues that concern them:

- Access to decision makers in the NHS and social care
- Involvement at the earliest stage of proposed service change
- Building networks of LINKs members to monitor mental health, ambulance and cancer services and childrens' services
- Forging alliances with National Voices and other national, regional and voluntary sector bodies
- Taking control of the local LINK and ensuring that it has the capacity and resources to work effectively.

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