

NAPF Manifesto

Aim: -to ensure the continuation and strengthening of meaningful and influential patient and public involvement.

-to provide a voice for PPI Fs at national level

-to contribute to key national policy

-to provide visible organisation to support Forums and their concerns

-to insist on recognition from the government and the Department of Health of the flaws in the LINKs' model.

-to organise PPI Forums to reinforce this insistence.

-to work with current sympathisers in the Commons, the Lords, the Royal Colleges et al

-to take to the new incumbents of the Department of Health a clear message:

-there will be a 'gap' and this will be a disaster

-LINKs are without true powers or real independence and they will be a talking-shop/gabfest.

-there is no evidential or democratic basis for LINKs.

-to campaign for the "duty to consult" to rest with the NHS as per Section 11 and for this duty to be enforced. 242 will weaken the obligation.

-to maintain dedicated ppi oversight of the cross-border specialities of mental health, ambulance and tertiary care services.

-to encourage the work of the PPI Forums and support members in this time of unlooked for uncertainty.

-to press for CPPIH capacity, resources, funds and message to be Forum-directed not government-directed.

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