Appendix 1

Information Provided by Members of the National Association Steering Groups - 22.05.07.

Len Roberts, Surrey Patients Forum, South East Region.
Background in local government. Long experience with the Association of County Councils. Working on NHS complaints led to interest in improving services. Vital to focus on building a strengthened PPI system for the future at local, regional and national levels.

Patricia Bottrill, North Tyneside, North East Region.
Retired senior nurse from the NHS. Focus on Patient Care. Interested in the finances and standards of care in the Health Service. Enjoys working on the PCT Forum and has been a forum member for 3 years. Wants this Group to be active and to link up with the political process.

Bill Hatton, Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals, South East Region Representative.
Ex Town Planner/Chief Executive of local authority. Acute Forum member which he enjoys. Wants results for Patients and is interested in the procurement issue. Wants the spirit of the Forums to be fed into LINks.

Hali Qureshi, Nottinghamshire Joint, East Midlands Region.
NHS background in nursing and management. Patient led and concerned with the private sector in the NHS and commercialisation.

Audrey Meacock, Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology, North West Region.
Nursing and Management background. Retired 20 years. Does not want all the good work of the Forums lost.

Michael English, Lambeth, London Region.
Michael is a retired MP. As a child he was ill and his interest in healthcare stemmed from this experience. Local Authority Involvement. Has worked on a lot of committees and has vast experience in this field. Concerns over the future of Patient representation. Would like to see patients as individuals represented.

Ian Thomasson, North Staffordshire, West Midlands Region.
Father of 4, direct experience of healthcare. Wants to help others.

Jim Wilkinson, Herefordshire, West Midlands Region.
Indirectly involved in the Healthcare area for many years. Became a Forum member when he retired. Would like to provide a foundation for LINks.

Ray Crorken, Mid Yorkshire Hospitals, Humberside and Yorkshire Region.

Construction background. Would like a sense of identity from this group. Decide what to work on and work on it. LINks - the way forward?

Ruth Marsden, Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals, Humberside and Yorkshire.
Lectured an engineering faculty for 27 years. Interested in outcomes, what Forums have achieved and that this survives.

John Amos, East Lancashire Hospitals, North West Region.
Civil servant for 40 years. Involved in the CHC's from 1976. Looking forward to the LINks as a new opportunity.

Malcolm Alexander, London Ambulance Service, London Region.
Teaches Patient and Public Involvement at Westminster University to the Voluntary Sector and the Health Service. Former director of CHC's in England and Wales. Believes that PPI power has been reduced by the current government. Concerned about Mental Health and Ambulance Trusts. Wants and adequate framework to ensure involvement.

Anthony Darwood, Norfolk PPI Forum, East of England.
Background in dentistry. Retired now and wants to put something back into the Health Service. Concerned that LINks will dilute experience gained to date. Has concerns around inspections and believes that proper administration and governance is required.

Bob Maggs, Bristol Patients' Forum, South West Region.
Sales background. Chair of Standards Committee in local authority. Concern at possible loss of experience and members and valuable work lost at a local level. Governance is required.

Elli Pang, Devon PPI Forum, South West Region.
East Devon is a big area. Interest in Mental Health. Concerned about LINKs. There is a senior council for Devon which has a similar set up to LINks but little is known about it. The accountability of LINks is also a concern.

Josephine Percy, Papworth Hospital, East of England Region.
From the Cambridgeshire area. Home economics teacher. 2 children. Trained as a nurse and is now a carer. Works with the elderly and young people, which is a worthwhile and rewarding job. Public and Patients are what matters.