

# INVITATION

## “Equity & Excellence: Liberating the NHS”

A workshop for community groups and voluntary organisations



Telford & Wrekin LINK would like to invite you to a workshop about the coalition government's plans to make big changes to the way the NHS works on

Thursday 7 October  
2.00 - 4.00pm  
The Severn Room

Business Development Centre  
Stafford Park 4, Telford TF3 3BA

A light buffet lunch will be available from 1.30pm

The workshop will identify implications for community and voluntary organisations in Telford (see attached briefing paper) and will also discuss how we can:

- develop a coherent 'community' response to the White Paper by 11 October
- influence the changes taking place to the NHS in Telford
- work together to prepare for our local HealthWatch

Spaces are limited so please reserve your place by 25 September using the enclosed booking form.

Alternatively, call: 01952 614180 or  
email: [enquiries@telfordandwrekinlink.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@telfordandwrekinlink.org.uk)

“We look forward to welcoming you to the workshop on 7 October so we can develop ideas for making the voice of the community stronger.”

Jean Gulliver, Chair of Telford & Wrekin LINK



# A summary of the main proposals

- GPs will decide what healthcare is available at the surgery and in hospitals as they will control the budget
- Fewer managers will be employed in the NHS as all PCTs will cease to exist from 2012
- Patients will have more choice
- The number of national NHS targets will be reduced
- Public health will be led by the borough council instead of the NHS
- A local HealthWatch will be set up to represent the public, to support them in making choices and to help them deal with any concerns

If you do send your comments to the DH direct please remember to also send a copy to us at [enquiries@telfordandwrekinlink.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@telfordandwrekinlink.org.uk) or by post to Telford&Wrekin LINK, FREEPOST ST655, Beaconside, Stafford ST18 0DR

## How you can find out more

- download the White Paper and supplementary consultation documents from: [www.telfordandwrekinlink.org.uk](http://www.telfordandwrekinlink.org.uk) or: [www.dh.gov.uk/liberatingthenhs](http://www.dh.gov.uk/liberatingthenhs)
- come to one of our White Paper Roadshows in September:  
16 September at ASDA, Donnington, Telford  
23 September in Telford Library Southwater Square  
30 September in Telford Shopping Centre
- invite us to make a presentation to your group
- book a place on the workshop for voluntary and community groups and/or come to the public meeting on Thursday 7 October at 7pm in the Business Development Centre
- read the Regional Voices Third Sector briefing paper (attached)

## Have your say

- return the LINK postcard (enclosed)
- distribute the LINK postcard to colleagues and service users (please tell us how many you can use!)
- send your comments to us before the end of September

## Alternatively you can

send\* your comments by email to: [NHSWhitePaper@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NHSWhitePaper@dh.gsi.gov.uk)  
write\* to the White Paper Team, Room 601 Department of Health  
79 Whitehall, London SW1A 2NS

# BOOKING FORM

## NHS White Paper Workshop

Thursday 7 October 2010 | 2.00-4.00pm

Your Name: .....

Name of Organisation: .....

Position in Organisation: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Daytime Contact Number: .....

Email: .....

**Please list any questions**  
or concerns overleaf

## Please identify:

1) issues of particular concern/  
interest that you would like to  
be discussed at the workshop

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2) key questions that you  
would like to be posed to  
the panel at the open public  
meeting at 7pm on 7 October:

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## Please tell us if you need:

- **Transport to the event** YES / NO
- **Audio description or a signer at the event** YES / NO
- **Assistance with making a response to the White Paper** YES / NO
- **Information in an alternative format e.g. large print, easy-read** YES / NO
- **Special requirements for lunch** YES / NO  
(e.g. dairy or wheat free, halal etc but note: vegetarian options will be available)

Please provide details below – or tell us when you call or email

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## To book a place please:

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