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The Medway LINK

Membership of LINK Groups

Introduction

1. When the LINK was established it was felt good practice that a LINK participant should be a member of only one of the LINK's core groups. With experience and the LINK having developed further, this change to the governance of the LINK aims to acknowledge that a member of the LINK's Coordinating Team can be a LINK Authorised Visitor, a Mystery Shopper and / or an External Representative at the same time.
2. Being a member of both the Coordinating Team and the Moderating Panel presents a conflict of interest and is therefore not proposed
3. This change needs to be included in the LINK's Governance Framework.

LINK Coordinating Team Members

4. If a Member of the LINK Coordinating Team wishes to become a LINK Authorised Visitor, a LINK Mystery Shopper or a LINK External Representative then they can apply in the normal way.
5. A LINK participant cannot be a member of the LINK Coordinating Team and a member of the LINK Moderating Panel at the same time.

***** *End of change to LINK Governance re membership of core LINK groups* *****

Recommendation: That the above change be included in the LINK governance arrangements to allow for Coordinating Team Members to be a LINK Authorised Visitor, a LINK Mystery Shopper and / or a LINK External Representative at the same time. Membership of the Coordinating Team and the Moderating Panel at the same time is not permissible.

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