

**LINK** ... Plymouths Local Involvement Network

Plymouth Advisory Partnership for Older People ... **PAPOP**

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## *Engaging Plymouth ...*

### **Welcome to the first bulletin of Plymouths LINK and PAPOP!**

**Colebrook Housing Society and Plymouth Age Concern are delighted to have been appointed as the Host for these two exciting new developments for Plymouth. This bulletin will give you some information about our vision for LINK and PAPOP, how you can get involved and how you can get in touch.**

#### **COMPETITION!!**

**We are launching a competition for Plymouth people to design the logos for the new LINK and PAPOP.**

The logos should represent what the LINK and PAPOP stand for and what they will do. This bulletin has some information but if you would like to find out more please contact us – details on the back.

The logo will need to be able to fit onto an A5 leaflet, so when produced it will need to fit inside a box which is no bigger than 4 x 4cm or 3 x 5cm

All entries welcome. Please post your entries to:

LINK Logo Competition, Unit 20, HQ, The Millfields Trust, 237 Union Street, Plymouth, PL1 3HQ  
or email them as a jpeg to [links@colebrookhousing.co.uk](mailto:links@colebrookhousing.co.uk)

**The closing date is 31st May 2008**

**The prize for the winner of each logo will be £25 worth of vouchers of your choice to treat yourself with.**

***Be creative!***

If you would like to help judge either of the logo competitions, please contact Vicky.

#### **WEBSITE**

We are currently constructing a temporary web page for both the LINK and PAPOP which will direct internet users to information currently on our website. Eventually the LINK and PAPOP will develop these sites which can be found at –

[www.plymouth-link.co.uk](http://www.plymouth-link.co.uk)  
[www.papop.co.uk](http://www.papop.co.uk)

We would like Plymouth people to be able to access this information as much as possible so if you have a website that we could link to these please let us know.

#### **Easy to understand information**

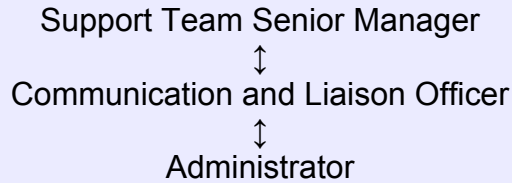
**If you need this information in another format or language, please let us know by**

**Calling - 07734 246855**

**Emailing - [links@colebrookhousing.co.uk](mailto:links@colebrookhousing.co.uk)**

## The LINK/PAPOP Support Team

We are currently recruiting for the team who will support the LINK and PAPOP in their activities. The team will be made up of



We are interviewing for these posts in May 2008 and we hope for the team to be in place by the end of June. If you would like contact from the team, or to invite a member of the team to talk about the LINK/PAPOP to your group/organisation, please contact us on [links@colebrookhousing.co.uk](mailto:links@colebrookhousing.co.uk).

## Setting Up the LINK/PAPOP

**As the Host we are responsible for supporting the LINK and PAPOP to develop their structures, communicate with everyone in Plymouth, report to their strategic partners, manage their budgets and plan their activities. We will also make sure that both the LINK and PAPOP are representative of all Plymouths communities.**

### In the first three months we will –

- ☺ Recruit our Support Team and set up our base at HQ
- ☺ Prepare initial information – leaflet and bulletin to inform of new services and point of contact
- ☺ Inform the local press and networks to promote the LINK/PAPOP, opportunities for involvement and point of contact
- ☺ Begin to map out interest and potential LINK/PAPOP membership
- ☺ Form two transition groups of interested people to guide the development of the LINK and of PAPOP.
- ☺ Plan some citywide introductory events for the Support Team and Transition Groups to spread the word about LINK/PAPOP and recruit members.

### In the first six months we will –

- ☺ Support the transition groups to develop
  - A plan to promote the LINK and PAPOP,
  - Structures for the LINK and PAPOP,
  - Governance arrangements,
  - Membership arrangements for the LINK and PAPOP,
  - Relationships with local government, service commissioners and Trusts.
- ☺ Develop and offer a training programme to include –
  - Introductory workshops for new members,
  - Workshops on governance issues – roles and responsibilities, conflicts of interest,
  - Communication and Community Involvement training for LINK/PAPOP members and groups to support the work of the LINK/PAPOP and build on good work.
  - A package of relevant training for people who are interested in carrying out inspections of health and social care premises.
- ☺ Support the transition group to work with the newly established LINK and PAPOP members to elect and train interested people to form the governance of the LINK/PAPOP.

## Getting Involved in the LINK & PAPOP

You can get involved by ...

- 👉 **Contacting us at any time to give us your views and experiences of local health and social care services (for the LINK) and services for people who are over 50 (PAPOP)**
- 👉 **Becoming a LINK/PAPOP Participant. You will receive regular information and opportunities to get involved in any consultations, meetings or events to give your views.**
- 👉 **Becoming a LINK/PAPOP Member. You will receive regular information and opportunities to get involved in any consultations, meetings or events to give your views. As a member you will also be active in the LINK, for eg. by training to become an inspector of health and social care services.**
- 👉 **Becoming a member of the LINK or PAPOP transition groups. We are looking for approx 10-15 people for each group to meet regularly for a six months period to develop and set up the LINK and PAPOP. We would like these groups to be as representative as possible of Plymouth people of all ages, cultures, situations and from as many areas of Plymouth as possible. We are looking for people who are committed to making the LINK or PAPOP a success. To register your interest in the transition groups please contact us by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

**We want to hear from individuals, groups, organisations and services.**

## ALL OUR FUTURES – Plymouths Strategy for Plymouths Over 50's

### **Calling everyone 50 and over ...**

A new strategy is being developed to respond to the growing numbers of older people in the city, to ensure that Plymouth recognises the contribution that people who are 50 and over can make to the community and that people receive the positive support and care they need.

The strategy has been developed from consultation held over the last 2 years that have highlighted the issues that older people in the city thought should be addressed. These include –

- \* A one stop shop point of access for services. More accessible, needs led services
- \* Services closer to home. Reducing isolation of older people, encouraging new opportunities
- \* Ensure older people are valued and respected and employers have 'active ageing goals'
- \* Improved financial planning and affordability for older people

To comment on the strategy -

😊 Visit the strategy at  
[www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/communityandliving/communityinformation/over50strategy](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/communityandliving/communityinformation/over50strategy)

😊 Call 01752 305546 for a paper copy.

😊 Email your comments to  
[consults@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:consults@plymouth.gov.uk)

😊 Send your comments to –  
All Our Futures  
Freepost (SWB40608)  
Plymouth City Council  
Plymouth PL12AA

**Deadline is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Please give your views and help to shape  
Plymouths Strategy for Plymouths Over 50s.**

## The LINK Steering Group

As the new Host, Colebrook Housing Society and Plymouth Age Concern met with the LINK Steering Group at the beginning of April. The

Steering Group was set up to support the recruitment of the Host and the LINK getting underway. It has been made up of representatives from the Primary Care and Plymouth Hospitals Trust, Public and Patient Involvement Forums, Local Government and others interested in the LINK.

We presented our plans for supporting the set up of the LINK and asked members to consider whether they are able to be involved in the development of the LINK, given that it will be independent of the Local Authority.





## PAPOP Research Action Group

As the new Host, Colebrook Housing Society and Plymouth Age Concern met with the Research Action Group at the end of April. The group is made up of representatives of organisations who work with people 50 and over as well as individuals who have an interest in services and issues of the over 50's. The idea behind PAPOP came from work done by this group.

We presented our plans for supporting the set up of PAPOP. The group has funding to carry on its work until July and is also involved in commissioning research into the needs of people over 50 in the city. Following this we hope members will have involvement in PAPOP

## Contact Us

For enquiries about the Plymouth LINK or PAPOP, getting involved, or if you would like to feedback on local health or social care services, please contact Vicky on:

-  Landline: **01752 205210**
-  Mobile: **07734 246855**
-  Email: [links@colebrookhousing.co.uk](mailto:links@colebrookhousing.co.uk)
-  [www.colebrookhousingsociety.co.uk](http://www.colebrookhousingsociety.co.uk)

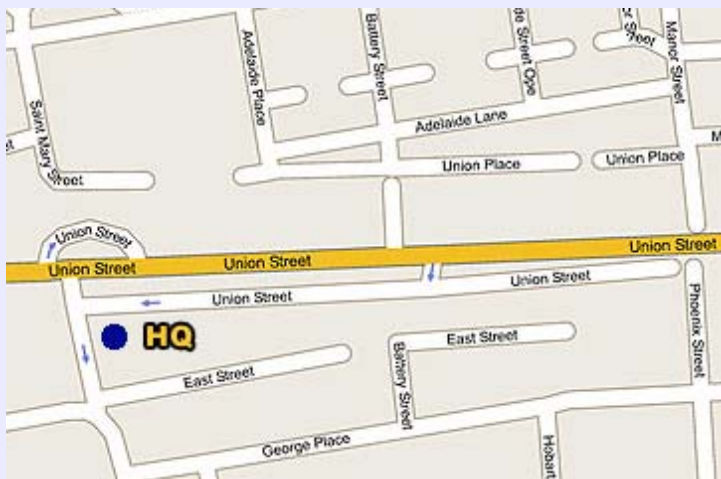
From 1<sup>st</sup> May,  
the base for the Support  
LINK/PAPOP Team will be

**Unit 20,  
HQ, The Millfields Trust,  
237 Union Street,  
Plymouth PL1 3HQ**

Visitor parking at the front of HQ

Initial office opening hours are –  
Mon to Thurs - 9am-5pm.  
Fri - 9am to 4.30pm

(These times may change in response  
to the needs of the LINK and PAPOP).



## Do you have anything to say?

Please tell us if –

- ✓ There is information you would like to see in this bulletin
- ✓ You have any comments or feedback on the bulletin
- ✓ You have news that we need to tell people about



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