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Consultation on Health: working together

Health Minister Rosie Winterton MP is the keynote speaker at The Democratic Health Network's (DHN) forthcoming one-day conference on Consultation on Health: working together.

The conference takes place on Tuesday 22 February, from 10am to 4.30pm at Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London WC1H.

Proper consultation with patients and the public is a key part of the government's health agenda. To achieve this effective strategic partnership involving council health scrutiny committees, patient groups and NHS bodies need to be established. This DHN event explores how stakeholders can form effective partnership and share best practice on local health consultation and scrutiny.

The event will also see the launch of Health Scrutiny Works!, DHN's new publication reviewing the effectiveness of local authority scrutiny of health in the first two years since the role was given to councils.

The conference will consist of plenary sessions and smaller group discussions, and will be attended by key stakeholders across the local government and health field:

Members of Public and Patient (PPI) Forum, Forum Support Organisations and the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health
Chairs, elected members and officers of local authority health scrutiny committees
NHS Patient and Public Involvement leads
Local authority and voluntary sector members and staff with responsibility for community consultation and involvement
Representatives and staff on Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs)

This DHN conference is organised in association with the Department of Health and the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health.