

## Steering Group Member Profile

Name: Sally Browne

Group/  
Organisation:  
(if applicable)



### Personal Statement

Since my retirement from working in libraries I have occupied myself with voluntary work. This has allowed me to develop a wide range of interests and skills in mental health, drugs and HIV counselling, family conciliation etc. I became a member of the Community Health Council, which widened my knowledge of health services in Hull.

After the closure of the CHC I became a member of the Patient and Public Involvement Forum for the Humber Mental Health Trust, covering mental health services in Hull and the East Riding.

As a relative and carer of someone with a severe mental health problem since 1964, I have developed an interest and knowledge of mental health issues and of local services. I am a member of Rethink, a national campaigning and provider charity for people affected by severe mental illness, their relatives and carers.

I have been on many committees, representing the interests of service users and carers. I currently attend the monthly meetings of the Humber Mental Health Trust as an observing member of the public; Rethink's national Services and Resources Committee and their North East Regional Committee. All of these require me to read numerous documents and reports, to comment upon and to speak to them appropriately and clearly.

I know I can commit the time necessary to read the papers for LINK meetings, and to attend them, and colleagues on previous committees I have belonged to could confirm this. My work as a volunteer has given me much practice in interacting with people from diverse backgrounds, and I am totally committed to Equal Opportunities. I have read and agree with the Terms of Reference.

I hope I have the opportunity to represent the interests and needs of users of local health and social services, to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of these services, which being a LINK Steering Group member will give me.

## Declaration of Interests

**PAID INTERESTS** Includes employment, self employment and paid work as a director or governor

Organisation/Business	Nature of Interest

**VOLUNTARY/UNPAID INTERESTS** Includes voluntary activity and work as an unpaid trustee

Organisation/Business	Nature of Interest
Rethink	Member
Humber Mental Health Trust	Member - attend interest meetings

**OTHERS** Please indicate any other interests you may feel relevant to disclose

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