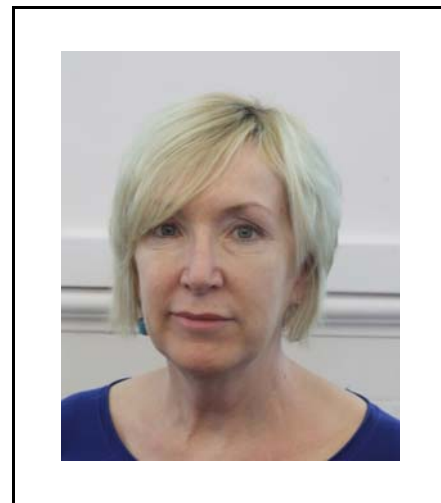


Steering Group Member Profile

Name: Wendy Bennett

Group/
Organisation:
(if applicable) North Bank Forum



Personal Statement

My professional background is in Children & Young People's Social Care, having worked for Hull City Council as a Principal Manager with a special interest around child protection and managing risk.

My background has offered me the opportunity of considering complex situations where timely decisions are required within highly regulated and procedure-bound practice. This experience has equipped me to take a balanced and measured approach when undertaking my work in relation to the public.

I retired from the Council in 2003 and have worked independently, which included a piece of work evaluating older people's residential services in Gloucestershire. Whilst this was a relatively brief piece of work, I have a clear recollection of the issues for those residents of care homes and their desire for simple recreation to relieve their boredom. The lack of any meaningful provision (which reflects a nation-wide picture in both local authority and independent care homes) had an impact upon their emotional well-being and general health often leading to depression.

I am familiar with working within planning arenas with a strategic brief as well as considering day to day issues for service users. My work as a Partnership Coordinator for the North Bank Forum with a Health and Wellbeing theme, equips me to consider the third sector contribution to the aims of the LINK.

I am aware of the Safeguarding issues in relation to vulnerable adults and would welcome using my experience on the Hull LINK Steering Group to develop and promote the LINK's ambitions.

Declaration of Interests

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

Organisation/Business	Nature of Interest
North Bank Forum	Partnership Co-ordinator

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

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