

TESTIMONIAL FOR HEALTH LINK FROM CITY AND HACKNEY PCT CHIEF

EXECUTIVE, LAURA SHARPE, March 2007

It has been most encouraging to see the different areas of City and Hackney Teaching PCT cooperating together and with external organisations, for the common purpose of engaging with the public. The Partnership model, developed and led by Health Link at national level across three government departments, has given us a tried and tested model locally to develop productive joint working with our library service on health and choice.

The co-ordination and support that Health Link provided has enabled this innovative and forward thinking project to flourish. Their commitment to creative and meaningful partnership working and patient and public involvement has delivered a potentially invaluable service to the residents of Hackney.

There is still much to be done to reach our local community and to raise awareness of the services available to them. The Partnership for Patients project has shown us a model of how we can do this effectively through making use of existing resources and forging links with our local partners. We are most grateful to Health Link for doing a great job of serving our patients and the residents of Hackney.

