

**Title:** Update Report –South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)  
**Wards Affected:** All  
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## 1. Achievements since last meeting

- 1.1 We have seen positive developments in forging closer working links with our partners and providers, as well as with the public. As part of our Meet the CCG series, we held a successful open meeting in Torquay in June with some 80 attendees from the community and public. They joined round-table discussions before an open plenary session with questions to our CCG from the floor.
- 1.2 Our ambitious project to connect clinicians with e-Prescribing has been given the go-ahead, with confirmation of funding from HM Treasury of £3.1million. This means the South Acute Programme is now pressing ahead to develop a range of systems aimed at enabling clinicians, no matter where they work, to have an up-to-date picture of the medication a patient is taking. We see significant gains in this for patient safety and quality of care.
- 1.3 The Joined Up Health and Care Cabinet has established a new programme board and is recruiting a project lead to drive our whole-system integration programme.
- 1.4 A redesign of mental health and learning disability services has begun well, with valuable feedback from our early engagement with people with lived experience of mental health problems. This work will continue over the coming months.

## 2. Challenges for the next three months

- 2.1 We are awaiting the outcome of the acquisition process under which South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has bid to acquire Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust. The principles underlying the bid – of streamlined, integrated care – will need to be taken forward regardless of the formal decision.

- 2.2 The five locality commissioning groups within our wider CCG will be carrying out an engagement within their local areas about future community services. This engagement will be on a wide scale and will need considerable resources to make sure that as many people as possible can have their say.
- 2.3 With nationwide pressures on emergency services and urgent care, the CCG is working with all providers to make sure plans and systems are in place to maintain the highest quality of care for patients. This is particularly important as we head into our winter planning phase.

### **3. Action required by partners**

- 3.1 To note this report.