

Title: Section 256 Social Care Funding for Health Benefit – Allocation and monitoring
Wards Affected: All
To: Health and Wellbeing Board **On:** 17 July 2013
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek the approval of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the allocation of Section 256 funding for projects within the financial year 2013/14.

2. Recommendation

That, taking account of Torbay's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the funding allocations, outcomes and monitoring arrangements in relation to Section 256 monies be agreed.

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 Under Section 256 of the NHS Act 2006, the Department of Health makes available, through NHS England, funding to support adult social care which also has a health benefit. Beyond this broad definition, NHS England provides flexibility for local areas to determine how this investment in social care services is best used.
- 3.2 However, it is a condition of the transfer that local authorities demonstrate how the funding transfer will make a positive difference to social care services, and outcomes for service users, compared to service plans in the absence of the funding transfer.
- 3.3 The joint local leadership of Clinical Commissioning Groups and local authorities, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, is at the heart of the new health and social care system. NHS England is seeking assurances that the local authority agrees with its local health partners how the funding is best used within social care, and the outcomes expected from this investment.
- 3.4 A number of the projects are listed at Appendix 1 which has been agreed between the CCG and Council which support social care whilst providing health benefits and outcomes. A total of £2.9 million is due to Torbay.

