

**Title:** Integrated Health and Care Initiative

**Wards Affected:** All wards

**To:** Health and Wellbeing Board      **On:** 23 May 2013

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## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To outline the commitment from Government to integrate health and social care by 2018 and inviting expressions of interest to become “pioneers” in this area.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the health and care system leaders in Torbay prepare an expression of interest to become health and social care integration pioneers.
- 2.2 That, if successful, further consideration be given to how the Health and Wellbeing Board can work effectively with any other governance arrangements to support the pioneer work.

## **3. Supporting Information**

- 3.1 The Care and Support Minister, Norman Lamb MP, announced, on 14 May 2013, the Government’s ambition to make joined-up and co-ordinated health and care the norm by 2018 with projects in every part of the Country by 2015. A collaborative of national partners (including the Association of Directors of Adult Social Care, Association of Directors of Children’s Services and NHS England) has set out this vision in *Integrated Care and Support: Our Shared Commitment*. The document sets out how the national partnership will work together to enable and encourage local innovation, address barriers and disseminate and promote learning in support of better integration for the benefit of patients, service users and local communities.
- 3.2 Expressions of interest are being sought from local areas to become integration “pioneers” as a means of driving forward change at scale and pace, from which the rest of the Country can benefit.
- 3.3 These pioneers will work across the whole local health, public health and social care systems as well as other local authority departments and the voluntary and community sector. The local area can be that covered by a

local CCG or local authority, or a larger footprint in which different authorities and health bodies work together.

- 3.4 The letter from the Department of Health inviting expressions of interest for health and social care integration “pioneers” is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.5 It is proposed that, building on the success of integration of health and adult social care in Torbay since the creation of the Care Trust, an expression of interest be put forward. This would take account of the synergies already in place (and being developed) between the CCG, the Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust, the South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Torbay Council (with its responsibilities for Children’s and Adults’ Services).
- 3.6 The opportunity should also be taken to build on our past success in integration to explore other potential collaborative approaches, in particular with growing pressures on all services due to conduct disorders, behaviour support and wider mental health issues with children and young people.
- 3.7 Expressions of interest need to be submitted by 28 June 2013. Successful pioneers will have access to a jointly (centrally) resourced team of experts who will support and advise on, amongst other things, overcoming barriers and achieving locally and nationally shared ambitions.
- 3.8 The Local Government Association has highlighted that “Health and Wellbeing Boards, as the core local decision makers across health and social care, are crucial to this process and can provide a platform to ensure that public money is used effectively across the NHS and local government to tackle the wider health needs of our communities”. Consideration will, however, need to be given to how, if successful, the Health and Wellbeing Board works effectively with other governance bodies to support the pioneer work.

#### **4. Relationship to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

- 4.1 Integrating health and social care will be key to meeting the needs of the community as identified within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

#### **5. Relationship to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

- 5.1 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is predicated on the need to continue the current joined-up approach to health and social care within Torbay and to need to ensure that integration continues to be developed.

#### **6. Implications for future iterations of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and/or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

- 6.1 If successful, the pioneer project will help to deliver the outcomes and priorities identified within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Letter inviting expressions of interest for health and social care integration “pioneers”

### **Background Papers:**

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

Integrated Care and Support: Our Shared Commitment

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-care>