

Title: Update Report –South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group
Wards Affected: All
To: Health and Wellbeing Board **On:** 19 September 2013
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1. Achievements since last meeting

1.1 The CCG led a bid on the part of the whole South Devon and Torbay health and care community to become a Pioneer site for integration, under the scheme announced by Norman Lamb, Minister of State for Care and Support. From 111 submissions, South Devon and Torbay has now been shortlisted, and – at the time of writing – was due to take part in the second and final part of the process during September. Selection as a pioneer site would give us invaluable external support in further joining up the system to the benefit of our population.

1.2 In partnership with Devon Partnership NHS Trust, the CCG has been holding a series of engagement events on improving mental health services – a high priority in the CCG integrated plan. The latest listening and discussion event was held in Newton Abbot, building on the ideas put forward at earlier meetings. Early actions resulting from the engagement include plans for a Crisis House to be piloted in Torbay as an alternative to inpatient admission. Feedback from participants to these events has been extremely positive, and has helped us understand more about what people with experience of mental health problems are looking for in the way of better support.

1.3 From this month, we are starting a widespread engagement with communities across the CCG about the future of community services. This will be carried out at the level of the five localities into which the CCG is divided in order to keep commissioning of services really local and responsive to the particular needs of our different communities. We see this as an important opportunity to listen to people's concerns, expectations and priorities. The insights we gain will help us build an overarching strategy for community services in the years ahead. The engagement is being held, at least partly, in the context of the NHS Call to Action, which sets out the need for change in the NHS if a worrying shortfall in resource versus demand is to be avoided in the coming years.

2. Challenges for the next three months

2.1 Whether or not the South Devon and Torbay health and care community is successful in its bid for Pioneer status, there are important challenges as we work to integrate more fully. We will need to alleviate pressure experienced by all GP practices, as a first step towards integrating primary care with the wider community services, including mental health services. There is also much to be done in moving towards seven-day working in the parts of the system that need to meet demand outside the normal Monday to Friday hours.

2.2 Finance continues to present a challenge for the CCG, along with the rest of the public sector. In particular, we have been required to allocate an additional £4 million of our funding to specialised commissioning. This means the CCG is continuing to take a cautious approach to investment, at a time when it would otherwise aspire to set many new schemes in motion for improving services and ensuring equity of service and access for all in our CCG area.

3. Action required by partners

3.1 To note the contents of this update

Appendices: South Devon and Torbay – a bid for Pioneer status (attached)

Background Papers: None