

Title: Department for Education Children's Social Care Innovation Programme – Torbay submission
Wards Affected: All
To: Health and Wellbeing Board **On:** 2nd October 2014
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 A submission for funding has been submitted under the focus area: ***rethinking children's social work***. The purpose is to attract additional funding for service reform, working alongside the Children's Services Five Year Cost Reduction Plan to move from an over-spend of 4.6 million 2013/14 to an under-spend of 3.2 million 2018/19.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board endorses an invitation to submit a full proposal should the Expression of Interest bid pass the first selection round with the DfE.

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 The Children's Minister, Edward Timpson, announced the Children's Social care Innovation Programme in October 2013. Since then, the DfE has been assessing the opportunities for innovation in children's social care, analysing the barriers to innovation and identifying two focus areas for the programme, which were outlined in February 2014. The focus areas are:

- Re-thinking Children's Social Work
- Re-thinking support for adolescents in or on the edge of care

The programme has three key objectives:

- Better life chances for children receiving help from the social care system
- Stronger incentives and mechanisms for innovation, experimentation and replication of successful new approaches
- Better value for money across children's social care

The closing date for bids was the 19th September 2014

4. Relationship to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

- 4.1 The crux of the bid is to develop a Public Service Trust under the Local Integrated Service Trust (LIST) using the traction of existing vehicles for integration such as the Integrated Care Organisation and Pioneer, particularly focusing on the Children and families Hub. With the arguments for integration predicated on levels of need and demand in the population against outcomes frameworks and the associated costs, the structural changes proposed in the bid are aligned with the JSNA.

5. Relationship to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- 5.1 The bid complements the principles of First and Most, Early Integration, and Integrated and Joined up Approach and seeks to use an outcomes based commissioning approach within Early Help Practices to achieve the priorities within the plan.

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

- 6.1 This year saw the development of a JSNA together. A set of agreed metrics across the integrated Public Services Trust will critically build on this and could helpfully be developed within future documents.

Appendices

Background Papers:

The expression of interest already submitted to the DfE is attached.