HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION ‘PIONEERS’

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SUMMARY

The Department of Health has recently circulated a framework document ‘Integrated Care and Support: our shared commitment’ developed by a collaboration of national partners setting out how local areas can take further steps towards integration.

Expressions of interest are being invited from local areas to become integration pioneers as a means of driving forward change at scale and pace. This would involve working across the whole of health, public health and social care systems and alongside other local authority departments and voluntary organisations as necessary.

National Voices, a national coalition of health and social care charities, has developed a ‘person-centred’ narrative and definition of integration which the national partners have adopted. It is expected that pioneers will use this narrative to help shape co-ordinated person-centred care and support.

At recent Health and Wellbeing Board meetings the Board considered proposals for further integration between adult social care, public health and the Kingston Clinical Commissioning Group. The national support and expertise that will be available to pioneers will be of significant help to Kingston in realising its ambitions for greater integration to get better outcomes for people using services.

ACTION BY THE BOARD

• The Board is requested to indicate its support for an Expression of Interest in becoming an integration pioneer to be submitted by the local authority jointly with the CCG.

• The Board is asked to note that the application will be developed in consultation with the wider Kingston Strategic Partnership.

REASON FOR ACTION PROPOSED

Integrated care and support, centred on the individual, is a key means to improving the experiences and outcomes of people using health and care services

The Health and Wellbeing Board have a statutory duty to encourage and promote integrated working between health, social care services and health related services.
BACKGROUND

Towards Integration – Progress in Kingston

In Kingston we have already taken a number of positive steps towards integration including establishing joint posts eg joint health and adult services director/CCG chief officer; integrated mental health and children’s health commissioning and integrating health and social care reablement services with plans to develop a single point of access provided by Your HealthCare as part of the Kingston at Home project.

We have a strong Kingston Strategic Partnership. Our key partner organisations, through the partnership, are committed to working together to achieve shared priorities.

Our experience of delivering the One Norbiton / Community Budget Pilot in Kingston has given us valuable insight into the pattern of public spending across services and the scope to better align resources to priorities identified by the community. Co-production has been a key element of the One Norbiton project.

We recognise that whilst these are important steps we have a lot more to do to fully realise our ambitions for greater integration across health and social care so that people experience a more joined up service and we achieve maximum value for money.

Integrated care and support extends beyond health and social care into areas involving early intervention, prevention, self care and promoting and supporting independent living.

By becoming an ‘integration pioneer’ we will get extensive expertise and support to further shape our options for integrating health and social care commissioning, to develop a whole system approach to commissioning preventative services and to ensure linkages with projects such as the Older People’s Housing Review.

Pioneers in integrated care and support – the selection criteria

To be selected as a pioneer we will need to satisfy the following six key criteria:

- Articulate a clear vision of its own innovative approaches to integrated care and support
- Plan for whole system integration (mental and physical health, social care and public health as well as other public services such as education and involving the community and voluntary sectors as appropriate)
- Demonstrate commitment to integrate care and support across the breadth of relevant stakeholders
- Demonstrate the capability and expertise to deliver successfully a public sector transformation project at scale and pace
- Commit to sharing lessons on integrated care and support across the system
- Demonstrate that its vision and approach are, and will continue to be based on a robust understanding of the evidence

The aim of the pioneer programme is to encourage local innovation, address barriers and disseminate and promote learning. Bespoke expertise and support and challenge will be available, tailored to specific local needs and proposed models of integration, through a range of national and international experts. In return for support, which is available for up
to five years, participating areas will be expected to contribute to learning across the system.

PROPOSAL

Subject to the views of the Health and Wellbeing Board and wider partners, we consider that there are significant benefits to becoming an ‘integration pioneer’.

It is proposed that an Expression of Interest is developed in consultation with key partners which sets how we meet the six criteria above.

TIMESCALE

The deadline for expressions of interest is 28 June 2013. The first cohort of pioneers will be announced in September 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to becoming involved in this initiative. Dedicated officer capacity will be required to support and deliver specific objectives from the integration pioneer programme and be involved in promotion, dissemination and networks.

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• Integrated Care and Support: Our Shared Commitment – May 2013 – National Collaboration for Integrated Care and Support
• Letter inviting expressions of interest for health and social care integration pioneers (Gateway Reference Number: 00079)
• A narrative for person-centred coordinated care (National Voices) (NHS England Publication Gateway Reference:00076)