

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Transforming Care: National Review into Winterbourne View Hospital

Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme

Initial Stocktake of Progress against key Winterbourne View Concordat Commitment

The Concordat was the joint response of agencies including the LGA and the NHS to the Department of Health Transforming Care report arising from the significant failings at Winterbourne View. The Concordat sets out the commitment to transform health and care services and improve the quality of the care offered to children, young people and adults with learning disabilities or autism who have mental health conditions or behaviour that challenges.

The Concordat contains a number of specific commitments that will lead to all individuals receiving personalised care and support in community settings no later than 1st June 2014.

The Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme requested local areas to complete a stocktake of progress against the commitments made nationally that should lead to all individuals receiving personalised care and support in appropriate community settings no later than 1 June 2014.

The purpose of the stocktake was to enable local areas to assess their progress and for that to be shared nationally. The stocktake was also intended to enable local areas to identify what help and assistance they may require from the Joint Improvement Programme and to help identify where resources can best be targeted.

This stocktake follows the recent letter from Norman Lamb, Minister of State regarding the role of HWBB in Winterbourne and the stocktake will provide a local assurance tool for the HWBB to use.

While this stocktake is specific to Winterbourne View, it will feed directly into the CCG Assurance requirements and the soon to be published joint Strategic Assessment Framework (SAF).

It was required that the stocktake be completed through local partnerships. Whilst the LA was asked to lead the process, the completion of the responses was developed with local partners including Southend CCG.

The stocktake response was completed in conjunction with the South Essex Winterbourne Improvement Group and detailed examples of innovation and good practice that have been adopted within Southend.

Local progress

SBC has 1 identified patient currently in Heath Close. This person's resettlement review plan has been completed and plans are at an advanced stage to return him to the local area with a comprehensive care and support package by the end of August 2013. SBC has 1 other patient currently in a private sector low secure unit under the responsibility of the Specialist Commissioning Group. This person is currently the subject of a residency dispute with Barking LA and is not considered to be a SBC resident. There remains difficulties with ensuring money currently funding people under the care of the specialist commissioners will follow the person back to community services. This is a national problem and was highlighted in the stocktake return.

Work is also underway on other key areas in the Concordat including developing a joint challenging behaviour pathway locally fully integrated with transition services.