

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director, Department for People
to
Health and Wellbeing Board

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Agenda
Item No.

Health and Social Care Integration Pioneers

1. Purpose of Report

To present an opportunity for Southend to become a national health and social care integration pioneer.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board agree to develop and submit an expression of interest to become an integration pioneer.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Government is encouraging all areas to reform existing systems of health and social care so that they are better integrated and more able to meet the needs of local people. In May 2013 a collaborative of national partners¹ published 'Integrated Care and Support: Our Shared Commitment'² which sets out a vision of making person-centred coordinated care the norm over the coming years.

4. Integration pioneers

- 4.1 Local areas have been invited to submit expressions of interest to become integration 'pioneers'. The role of pioneers will be to drive forward change, at scale and pace, from which the rest of the country can benefit. They will work across the whole of their local health, public health and social care systems to achieve and demonstrate the scale of change that is necessary. The support of Health and Wellbeing Boards is an essential prerequisite for any area to become a pioneer.
- 4.2 In return pioneers will receive tailored support, bespoke expertise and constructive challenge from national partners. Whilst this is a call for the first cohort of pioneers, likely to number at least ten, the Government's aim is to

¹ Association of Directors of Adult Social Care, Association of Directors of Children's Services, CCQC, DoH, Health Education England, Local Government Association, Monitor, NHS England, NHS Improving Quality, NICE, Public Health England, SCIE, Think Local Act Personal

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-care>

stimulate successive cohorts of pioneers, supporting them for up to five years. The selection criteria, process and the national support offer can be found at **Appendix 1**.

4.3 Key dates area as follows;

28 June – deadline for submission of expressions of interest (EOI)

Early July – initial review of EOI

Mid July – Selection panel begins to assess EOI

August – Recommendations for pioneer areas made

September – First cohort of pioneers announced

4.5 It is recommended that Southend submits an expression of interest.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.

5.2 Financial Implications – potential cross partnership savings if/when integration plans are implemented

5.3 Legal Implications – to be determined as integration plans are developed.

5.4 People Implications – existing staff will support or be involved in the preparation of the EOI.

5.5 Property Implications – to be determined as integration plans are developed.

5.6 Consultation – with other officers.

5.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – there are no foreseen equalities issues.

5.8 Risk Assessment – will form an integral part of integration plans.

5. Background Papers

'Integrated Care and Support: Our Shared Commitment', published May 2013

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Selection Criteria, Process and National Support Offer