

Report to: **East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board**

Date: **23 July 2013**

Title of report: **East Sussex Pioneer Status Expression of Interest**

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Purpose of report: **To update the Board on submission of an EOI for Pioneer Status**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**The Board is recommended to note the:**

- 1. Submission of the Expression of Interest; and**
  - 2. Timescale for next steps.**
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### **1. Background**

1.1. A collaboration of national partners<sup>1</sup> has asked for expressions of interest (EOI) from areas to become 'integration pioneers' in the implementation of innovative approaches to better coordinated client centred care and support. Pioneers will work across the whole of local health, public health and social care systems, other local authority departments and the voluntary sector to demonstrate benefits of integrated working.

1.2. A number of sites will be selected for pioneer status.

1.3. An EOI on behalf of East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Groups, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to become a pioneer site was submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

1.4. In the EOI we have documented our progress with implementation of integration initiatives so far, specified the help that we would seek from integration partners, and have outlined how our clients and services could benefit from pioneer status.

### **2. What help is available from Integration partners?**

2.1. Pioneers will receive a tailored programme support for up to five years from national partners in return for dissemination of lessons learned and wider adoption of practice at a national level.

2.2. National partners bring substantial experience of implementation of similar programmes of work and are able to help shape our plans to best fit delivery of integrated client centred care in line with national direction.

2.3. Areas where we could benefit from their help include providing assistance with the identification of the best investment models for health and social care, how we can make the best use of our existing Information Technology, and how our workforce should be structured to offer a better level of patient centred care.

<sup>1</sup> Association of Directors of Adult Social Care, Association of Directors of Children's Services, Care Quality Commission, Department of Health, Health Education England, Local Government Association, Monitor, NHS England, NHS Improving Quality, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, Public Health England, Social Care Institute for Excellence, Think Local Act Personal

### **3. Benefits from achieving Pioneer status**

3.1. East Sussex partners have made great progress with rolling out integrated working initiatives – for example our Joint Community Rehabilitation Service (operational from April 2012) brings together 220 health and social care staff from 8 professional groups into an integrated service. We have a number of joint working teams in operation across the county, but are still a way off being able to provide a fully integrated service across health and social care.

3.2. We are committed to improving our services so they can be more integrated around peoples' needs. We see this as an ideal opportunity to inject additional help and support into making this happen. If the submission is agreed, this would position East Sussex as a trail blazer site, enable us to make a fundamental contribution to how future services are designed on a UK wide basis, and ensure that the requirements of our clients are incorporated into this service design.

### **4. Bid Timeline**

4.1. We will keep the Health and Wellbeing Board up to date with progress of the EOI for East Sussex.

4.2. Indicative timescale is:

- Initial review and clarification process by national team: July 2013
- Final recommendations for approval: August 2013
- First cohort of pioneers announced: September 2013

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