

31 May 2013

Dear Chief Executive,

Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme – Local Stocktake

I am writing to you to ask for your assistance in completing a stocktake of progress against the commitments made in the Winterbourne View Concordat which was signed by a broad range of agencies and organisations.

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.

You will recall that 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 purpose of the stocktake therefore is to enable local areas to assess their progress against commitments in the Concordat and to allow for good practice and progress from local areas to be shared nationally.

Given his personal interest in the programme, Norman Lamb, Minister of State for Care Services, has recently written to Chairs of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) explaining the significant leadership role that HWBs should play in ensuring that the Concordat commitments are achieved. We are therefore sending this stocktake to local authorities given your leadership role in Health and Wellbeing Boards.

However, this stocktake is not simply about data collection but is to assist in your discussions locally with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and other key partners including people who use services, family carers and advocacy organisations, as well as providers. The stocktake can only successfully be delivered through local partnerships. We would specifically ask that the responses are developed with local partners and shared with your Health and Wellbeing Board. We would also ask that CCG's sign off the completed stocktake.

The stocktake is also intended to enable local areas to identify what support and assistance they require from the Joint Improvement Programme. The core purpose of the programme is to work alongside local commissioners to enable you to deliver your local plans. Further information on the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme is available on the [Local Government Association Website](#)

The deadline for the completed stocktake is Friday 5th July 2013. The stocktake should be returned to Sarah.Brown@local.gov.uk if you require any further information or have any questions please send these to Sarah Brown in the first instance.

I am fully aware that there will be other requests for information over the next few months relating to progress with Learning Disabilities and Autism. The Winterbourne View Programme will work to ensure that we do not ask for information that is duplicated elsewhere, as the purpose of this stocktake is to ensure support is provided to local areas and that we work together to deliver commitments in the Concordat.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Bull

Chair of the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Board

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