

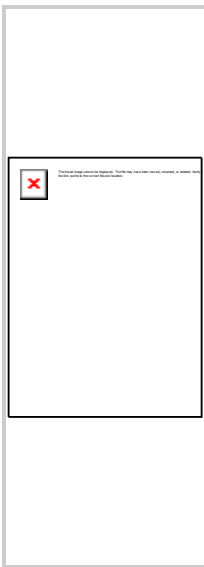
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 13 JUNE 2013

Position Statement from the Chairman

A copy of this position statement can be found on the Board's home page www.leics.gov.uk/healthwellbeingboard.htm

Update on Policy and Regulatory Matters

12 national partners have joined together to promote integration and support the definition and narrative of person centred care developed by National Voices.



[Our shared commitment to integrated health and social care](#)

This framework document on integration, signed by 12 national partners, sets out how local areas can use existing structures such as Health and Wellbeing Boards to bring together local authorities, the NHS, care and support providers, education, housing services, public health and others to make further steps towards integration.

[A Narrative for Person-Centred Coordinated Care](#)

National Voices, a national coalition of health and care charities, has developed a person-centred 'narrative' on integration. This is an agreed definition of what we mean by 'integrated' care.

Meanwhile the King's Fund continues its work to promote and further this debate with a range of resources available at this weblink <http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/topics/integrated-care>

The government has called for submissions from “**Integration Pioneers**” who will be testing new models of working and providing a platform for further ambition and innovation in integrated care nationally. Letter inviting submissions at this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-care-integration-pioneers>

The pioneers will work across the whole of their local health, public health and care and support systems, and alongside other local authority departments as necessary, to achieve and demonstrate the scale of change that is required. National partners will provide tailored support to pioneers.

Progress of the Care Bill

The Care Bill takes forward the Government's commitments to reform social care legislation, to drive up the quality of care following the findings of the Francis Inquiry, and to establish Health Education England and the Health Research Authority as non-departmental public bodies.

The Bill delivers the commitments in the Government's white paper *Caring for our future: reforming care and support* (July 2012), which set the vision for a modern system that promotes people's well-being by enabling them to prevent and postpone the need for care and support and to pursue education, employment and other opportunities to realise their potential. The Bill takes forward the recommendations of the Law Commission to consolidate existing care and support law into a single, unified, modern statute. It refocuses the law around the person not the service, strengthens rights for carers to access support, and introduces a new adult safeguarding framework.

This Bill also puts in legislation the changes recommended by the Commission on the Funding of Care and Support to introduce a cap on the costs that people will have to pay for care in their lifetime.

This Bill delivers a number of elements in the Government's response to the findings of the Francis Inquiry, which identified failures across the health and care system that must never happen again. The response will help ensure that patients are 'the first and foremost consideration of the system and everyone who works in it' and restore the NHS to its core values.

The Bill establishes Health Education England and the Health Research Authority as non-departmental public bodies to ensure they have the impartiality and stability they need to carry out their vital roles.

The Care Bill is being introduced following extensive consultation with people and organisations right across health and social care – from users of services to providers of care. The Care Bill explained (link below) describes the changes that have been made in response to the public consultation and the recommendations of the Joint Committee that carried out pre-legislative scrutiny on the Draft Care and Support Bill.

(<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm86/8627/8627.pdf>)

For more information on the Care Bill, you can find the factsheets (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-care-bill-factsheets>).

You can also view information on the parliamentary process (<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/care.html>) following the introduction and publication of the Care Bill and the accompanying impact assessments

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-government-published-a-series-of-impact-assessments-alongside-the-care-bill>).

Early discussions are taking place about the implications of the Care bill for adult social care. These will be considerable and further detail is required from Government before the full picture becomes clear. It is anticipated that additional responsibilities will be fully funded by the Government. Further reports will be provided to the Board as preparatory work progresses.

The NHS organisations are already responding in a variety of ways to the findings of the Francis Inquiry. A report describing the approach across the whole system will be provided at the next meeting of the Board.

Procurement Choice and Competition Regulations

Since our last meeting there has been considerable national debate and further publications in relation to the new procurement, choice and competition regulations which came into effect in April. These aim to:

- Ensure good practice in the procuring of health care services by those responsible for commissioning NHS health services
- Protect patient choice and to prevent anti-competitive behaviour, except where it is in the interests of NHS patients
- Set out Monitor's role in dealing with complaints brought under the regulations including their new enforcement powers.

Monitor has issued two consultation documents about the regulations with feedback requested by July – see weblinks below:

<http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/node/3352>

<http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/node/3342>

Some commissioners are currently in the process of seeking legal advice on their current integrated arrangements across health and social care and whether these will now be subject to competitive tendering given the new procurement, choice and competition regulations. Monitor has commented that commissioners will not be forced into competitive tendering where evidence can be provided for maintaining continuity of provision and improved integrated.

National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

<http://www.nice.org.uk/>

(Formerly known as National Institute of Clinical Excellence)

From April 2013 NICE has taken on responsibility to develop guidance and quality standards for social care in England, and will expanding their well

established NHS evidence based systems, guides and standards to promote greater integration across the NHS, public health and social care.

NICE also produces independent evidence-based public health guidance on ways of improving health and well-being for local authorities, education, voluntary organisations and community groups as well as the NHS and will be working with local authorities to explore how evidence of effective and cost effective public health activities can be used to improve local services and accountability to local communities.

The Health and Wellbeing Board will be finding out more about the wealth of resources available through NICE at a development session in August, including taking a look at the evidence and standards that align to the priorities in our health and wellbeing strategy.

Books on Prescription

Reading Well Books on Prescription was launched on 4 June by Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and the Creative Industries and Norman Lamb, Minister of State, Care and Support from the Department of Health.

As part of the scheme the County Council is offering 30 recommended books at each of the 16 major libraries that have been clinically approved to help people help themselves to manage common mental health conditions. These books can be borrowed free of charge. GPs or other health or wellbeing professionals may recommend a specific book, or service users can browse the self-help books at their local library and borrow them without needing to see a doctor.

Reading Well Books on Prescription will be an integral part of a wider campaign in Leicestershire, working with partners such as Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, to raise awareness of local services and support available for improving mental well-being and treating mental health conditions.

Information on the Health and Wellbeing service in Leicestershire's libraries, including the lists of Books on Prescription and Mood Boosting books, is available here:

http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/leisure_tourism/libraries/library_services/healthandwellbeing.htm

Information on the national Books on Prescription and Mood-boosting books schemes is available here: <http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/quick-guides/reading-well/>

Information on mental health conditions and common medications used to treat them can be found on Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's site at:
<http://www.choiceandmedication.org/leicspart/>

Board Development Sessions

The next 3 development sessions for the Board (2 hours) are as follows:

30 July 3pm

- Better Care Together

7 August 2pm

- Introduction to NICE
- Outputs from the H&WBB self assessment tool and next steps

10 October 3.30pm

- Local Response and Progress on the Francis Report Recommendations

Health and Wellbeing Leadership events: delivering improved outcomes for local communities

Jointly organised by the LGA and NHS England as part of our Health and Wellbeing System Improvement programme, funded by the Department of Health, these events will take place in London on the 25 June and Leeds on the 26 June. The events will be an opportunity for local leaders to hear local and national perspectives, and learn about local health and wellbeing board collaborative work, on how working together to pursue shared priorities, can and is delivering improved outcomes for local populations. There will also be opportunities to network, share priorities and plans, hear about the Health and Wellbeing System Improvement programme and how to shape and access the support to HWB Partnerships at national, regional and local level. Further information including how to register can be found on our website for the [London](#) event (venue to be confirmed) and the [Leeds](#) event at the Marriot hotel, Central Leeds.