

# Chairman's Announcement

## WINTERBOURNE VIEW ACTION PLAN UPDATE

In response to recommendations arising from the Department of Health (DoH) report 'Transforming Care: a National Response to Winterbourne View Hospital' a joint NHS and Local Authority action plan was developed.

Updates on progress made against the Plan have been presented to the Board on several occasions most recently in November 2013 where the Board noted the positive steps being made. The attached announcement provides a further update to ensure the Board are kept informed of developments.

### Update

In December 2013 an experienced social worker practitioner from the Learning Disabilities team was successfully seconded on a two year term to the position of Project Worker to coordinate work on the Action Plan. Further project support has also been provided by the Programme Management Office to assist in the progression of the Plan which includes:

- Developing a new case management protocol for people with complex needs.
- Updating the roles and responsibilities of care managers.
- Developing a Quality Assurance Process in line with the new "Ensuring quality services" national guidance.
- A staff training needs analysis.

All in-patient placements supported by Wiltshire at Winterbourne View were reviewed and appropriate placements found within the Wiltshire community with the exception of 2 residents. In recognising the importance that the right placements are procured to meet the needs of the individuals themselves, these are currently placed outside of the County. There are plans for both these people to move locally in the next few months but care is being taken to provide the right care and to plan the move in a way that supports them make this big change in their lives.

A national Improving Lives Review team has been tasked with monitoring and supporting progress in this area and are currently in the process of reviewing all Wiltshire patients previously resident at Winterbourne View. It is understood that the first reviews will be reported back to commissioners over the next few weeks and the Board will be updated accordingly.

A wide range of related work to further develop learning disability services within Wiltshire is also being undertaken. This has included a review of the range of care provided for people with learning disabilities which will be used to inform future commissioning intentions. Consultation is underway and a report will be submitted to the Joint Commissioning Board for consideration in August 2014. This will also recommend future actions to address those gaps in services which are a priority.