



Devon-wide STP briefing document

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Our purpose

Health and Care organisations and Local Authorities across Devon have been working together to create our shared five-year vision for how we aim to meet the increasing health and care needs of our population whilst ensuring our services are sustainable and affordable. There is a compelling case for change, driven by demography and complexity, and we must plan for safe, sustainable and affordable health and care services, learning from best practice and latest evidence to develop new and innovative types of care.

Health and social care partners in Devon (which includes Plymouth and Torbay), are united in a single ambition and shared purpose: to create a clinically, socially and financially sustainable health and care system that will improve the health, wellbeing and care of the populations we serve.

Headline briefing points

- Services in Devon are generally high-performing but must change in order to become clinically and financially sustainable in the longer-term. The key reasons for this have been well documented in the case for change have been published.
- Health and social care organisations in Devon are working together, as part of a system, to address the challenges faced by Devon. This is something that the NHS embraces and a shared recognition that doing nothing is not an option.
- The STP is a framework within which we will develop detailed proposals for how services across Devon will develop between now and 2020/21.
- Seven priority areas have been identified as key programmes of work these are:
 - Prevention & early intervention
 - Integrated care model
 - Primary care
 - Mental health & learning disabilities
 - Acute hospital & specialist services
 - Productivity
 - Children & young people
- Each programme will be supported by enabling work stream on workforce, states, communications and engagement and organisational development



- The document released today is the latest update and feedback from NHS England is expected. It will be presented to all partner organisation Boards or equivalent bodies for consideration and endorsement over the 6 to 8 weeks.
- Simon Stevens this week (03 November) announced investment of additional funding for Devon to support three of our STP priorities: cancer services, primary care and mental health. The funding will provide new, state of the art, linear accelerators (LINACs) to treat cancer patients at Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust and Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust; a new secure mental health services adult unit with up to 75 beds at a new hospital in Wellington, reducing the need for people to travel out of the South West region; approval for 30 GP schemes in the South West, improving access to appointments, bringing improvements to premises and new IT infrastructure
- Some of the work on the programmes contained in the STP commence prior to the development of this framework for example consultation is already taking place on proposals to change community services in South Devon & Torbay and East Devon. The need for review some of our acute and specialist services was highlight in the New Devon Case for Change published in February this year. Torbay and South Devon has also highlighted a similar need. The services that will be included in the first phase of the reviews that will commence this month are:
 - Stroke services (including hyper-acute and stroke rehabilitation).
 - Maternity (including consultant-led and midwife-led care), Paediatrics and Neonatology, to be reviewed together given their inter-dependency.
 - Urgent and Emergency services, focusing particularly on the acute hospital provision of accident and emergency and co-dependent services.
- We will be undertaking engagement activities on the STP with a wide range of stakeholders including overview and scrutiny committees.

