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**To:** Kent Health and Wellbeing Board, 20 November 2013

**Subject:** **Department of Health Integrated Care and Support and Pioneer Programme**

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**Summary:** Kent has been successful in becoming an Integrated Care and Support Pioneer. This paper provides an update on the governance arrangements for delivery within the programme and the links to the Integration Transformation Fund.

### **For Information**

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board supported the submission to become Department of Integration Pioneers in July and the creation of a group to coordinate the work programme involved.

1.2 Kent has now been successful in its bid and has been named as one of 14 areas in the Department of Health Integrated Care and Support Pioneers Programme (see appendix). Kent will be supported by a team from NHS Improving Quality and delivery within programme will include an independent evaluation of outcomes achieved. A launch conference for the Pioneer programme will take place on 3 December with representatives from across Kent's bid attending.

## **2. The Integration Pioneer Steering Group**

2.1 To support the delivery of the Pioneer Programme a sub-group of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board has been convened. The group is an informal working group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, linked to local HWBs to support partners in delivery. Existing governance arrangements retain accountability.

2.2 The group will help set aims, objectives and priorities within the Integration Programme and inform the development of outcome measures and the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Membership of the group includes leads from across the Pioneer partners and additional members can be co-opted as required.

2.3 The Steering Group met on 4 November and agreed the terms of reference (see appendix). Further work is to take place on mapping existing local delivery of integration against the outcomes identified within the Pioneer bid, to create a measurable programme plan. The group agreed that Programme Management on behalf of all partners would be provided via the existing Health and Social Care Integration Programme Team.

### **3. The Integration Transformation Fund**

3.1 As a DH Pioneer there is no additional funding provided, however delivery of the Integration Pioneer Programme is underpinned by the ITF. The latest LGA letter on ITF states *“Integrated Care Pioneers, to be announced shortly, will be valuable in accelerating development of successful approaches.”*

3.2 The Integration Pioneer Steering Group will help coordinate the development of the ITF plans prior to final sign-off by the HWB in March.

### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 Kent becoming an Integration Pioneer provides clear opportunities to deliver integrated care and support at pace and scale. The DH are keen to “barrier bust” and will offer significant support to Pioneers and access to national organisations to help unblock any existing barriers to integration.

4.2 In developing the bid Kent has already made significant steps in developing a shared vision of what can be achieved. However it will require co-ordinated approach to delivery via the Integration Pioneer Steering Group and successful implementation of the Integration Transformation Fund to achieve the level of transformation required to make sustainable change.

### **5. Recommendation**

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

5.1 Note the creation of the Integration Pioneer Steering Group and that the Steering Group will coordinate the creation of the ITF plans.

### **6. Contact details**

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