



Health Initiative for Cornwall (HIC)

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Dear Sir/Madam

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Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly: Sustainability and Transformation Plan
Draft Outline Business Case 21st October 2016

The following is our response to the engagement on the above document.

NHS England was explicit in announcing that the purpose of Sustainability and Transformation Plans were to help ensure health and social care services in England were built around the needs of local populations.

They called for every local health and care organisation in England to come together to create their own ambitious local plan for the delivery of health and social care over the next five years.

Various documents produced by NHS Kernow CCG and Cornwall Council subsequently referred to Shaping the Future by means of developing a Health & Social Care Plan.

The first sentence of the Executive summary reads ***“This draft Outline Business Case sets out our proposals for transforming the health and care system in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, building on our strategic intentions outlined in June.”***

Our fundamental concern is why this summary and indeed throughout the document, there is no mention or detail, with regard to Social Care. We are therefore extremely surprised that NHS England has approved your Outline Business Case in its various stages of development, insofar as it is a plan for adult health only and not a comprehensive plan for health **and** social care.

This is further re-enforced by the recent meeting of Cornwall Council’s Health & Adult Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee where detailed plans were set out for the future delivery of Adult Social Care in a document entitled ‘The Adult Social Care Offer Cornwall’. We understand that this plan was approved by the Committee. We also believe that they are now preparing a separate plan for Children.

We would have expected that if Cornwall Council was in the process of up-dating how it intended to deliver Adult & Childrens Social Care, this would have been included in the Draft Outline Business Plan and therefore been an integral part of the current engagement exercise with the wider public of Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly.

When NHS England stated that the driving force behind STP's was to ensure local populations had the correct health and social care services to meet their needs, this was succinctly turned into your local message of -

ONE PLAN – ONE BUDGET – ONE SYSTEM

It is with dismay, bordering on total incredulity that we have read nothing about this in your plan and that Cornwall is not going to enjoy all the potential benefits that having one single plan and one single accountable care organisation could bring. We note that several other STP's in England are going down just that road, so why not in Cornwall?

Indeed recently, Sarah Wollaston in her role as Chair of the House of Commons Health Select Committee stated that “STPs open the possibility of moving away from a competition based approach to one of integrated commissioning”. It is therefore difficult to understand why you have apparently dismissed the ‘One Plan – One Budget – One System’ approach.

For these reasons we believe that the ‘Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly: Sustainability and Transformation Plan Draft Outline Business Case’ and the current public engagement exercise are fundamentally flawed, in relation to meeting NHS England's expectations of creating an overarching strategy for integrating health and social care.

There is a very real danger that the current approach will result in three plans, three budgets, three systems and at least three organisations.

Quite simply your plans at this stage are not sufficiently developed to meet the outcome requirements as set out by NHS England.

We do not believe that you can proceed in any shape or form with your current proposals until they are fully developed in all aspects of Health & Social Care for the people of Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly.

Yours faithfully,

Joe McKenna, Chairman.

HIC is a county wide group of members of the public campaigning
for equitable access to services and funding of the NHS in Cornwall.

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