

# **INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING**

## **JOINT COMMISSIONING PARTNERSHIP**



In response to the Health and Social Care Bill senior commissioning leads from across Plymouth have established a single multi agency Joint Commissioning Partnership (JCP) which spans across a range of health and wellbeing services. This group is made up of representatives from Plymouth City Council (Adult Social Care, Children's Housing and Community Safety), Public Health, NHS Plymouth, Probation and the Police.

The JCP is responsible for ensuring that there is a coordinated and consistent approach to commissioning services on behalf of partner agencies in Plymouth. It aims to ensure a joined up approach to strategic planning and service delivery in order to maximise best use of public resources and deliver seamless services by working across organisational boundaries.

The Joint Commissioning Partnership covers a range of areas and is presently identifying opportunities for development of joint commissioning plans relating to:

- Provision of Information and Advice
- Housing and Related Support and Homelessness
- Community Safety including Domestic Violence
- Financial Inclusion
- Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- Libraries and Leisure
- Health Improvement
- Adult Social Care
- Carers
- Community Health Care
- Relevant Public Health functions (subject to proposed transitional arrangements being confirmed)
- Collaboration with Children and Young People's services undertaken via Children & Young People's Trust

Below this it is the intention to build an integrated commissioning hub. First stage has to been to pull adults and children commissioners into a single team. The team is also leading on the Public Health transfer, with the aim that Public Health commissioning is embedded into the team from April 2013. Supporting this discussions between senior officers in the NHS and the Local Authority have identified that in light of the changes brought about by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 there are potential opportunities to increase collaboration and joint commissioning between the partners. In response NHS commissioners are to be located in the same building early in 2013 with areas of lead commissioner already being discussed. These changes will provide an integrated commissioning response, able to commission around people not labels.

As a response to the national concerns about the quality of care in care home settings and the changing role of CQC Plymouth City Council and NHS Plymouth have jointly established a

strategy support care homes to improve and develop good quality care. The strategy focus is on 3 areas:

- *Market management*
- *Safeguarding*
- *Improving Quality*

We have established systems to support care homes in the following ways:

- Established a *Dignity in Care Homes Forum* .Approximately 70 care homes attend at each event. There are plans to roll this out across the Devon Clinical Commissioning locality.
- Set up a Quality Improvement Team for care homes using health funding for Social Care to support with improving care rather than regulating practice. Discussions are being held with NEW Devon CCG to roll this out across Devon
- Developed the Dementia Quality Mark for Care Homes – this is an accreditation mark and once the standard has been achieved care homes are flagged on Plymouth on line directory