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To whom it may concern,

As the Chair of the Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board I am writing on behalf of the Board to support, in principle, the bid for funding to facilitate the implementation of integrated digital care records for use by health and social care delivery partners in Plymouth.

This project is in line with the strategic approaches set down by the Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board in particular "Make the best use of resources every time" and is a strong example of how integration and collaboration can improve efficiency and effectiveness and create new opportunities through the release of resources.

The project will be considered by the Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board in September where the benefits of this approach in the wider Devon context will be explored. In particular the Board will want to address connections and interoperability between similar projects within the Devon geography and also how a project of this nature could create new opportunities with the children's social care and acute care sectors.

Improved information is essential to inform decision making and improve our citizen's experience and outcomes. This bid will support improved productivity across the system by reducing duplication and improving the efficient use of information across care providers whilst contributing significantly to the challenge set by our Board to achieve a fully integrated health and wellbeing system by 2016.

Yours Sincerely

Councillor Sue McDonald
Chair of the Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board