

Development of Accountable Care Systems

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What are Accountable Care Systems?

- ❑ The development of Accountable Care Systems are part of a national approach, led by NHS England. According to its Chief Executive, Simon Stevens: “We are embarking on the biggest national move to integrating care of any major western country.”
- ❑ **Accountable Care System. An ‘evolved’ version of an STP that is working as a locally integrated health system.** They are systems in which NHS organisations (both commissioners and providers), often in partnership with local authorities, choose to take on clear collective responsibility for resources and population health. They provide joined up, better coordinated care.



What are Accountable Care Systems? (2)

- ❑ **Accountable Care Organisation-** This is where the commissioners in that area have a contract with a single organisation for the great majority of health and care services and for population health in the area
- ❑ An ACO brings together a number of providers to take responsibility for the cost and quality of care for a defined population within an agreed budget. ACOs take many different forms ranging from fully integrated systems to looser alliances and networks of hospitals, medical groups and other providers. (Kings Fund)



Why Accountable Care Systems?

- ❑ Despite significant progress we still face performance, financial, workforce and system challenges.
- ❑ The move will greatly enhance how health and social care services are delivered to those living in our communities – and reduce the administration involved in managing these services.
- ❑ For those receiving primary, secondary or social care, the move will result in services that are far more joined up, less confusing and better coordinated.
- ❑ Through greater whole system working Accountable Care systems can more effectively provide placed based integrated care



The Approach in Devon

- ❑ Partners across Devon are planning to develop 'Accountable Care Systems' as part of plans to better integrate health and wellbeing services.
- ❑ The work to date is at an early stage, although partners have already agreed several key elements that will be developed:
 - ❑ A single strategic commissioner: a single organisation responsible for resource distribution, setting strategic direction and planning.
 - ❑ A number (yet to be defined/agreed) of Accountable Care Systems within the Devon footprint, with responsibility and accountability for local populations.
 - ❑ An Accountable Care System for mental health services.
- ❑ Partners have agreed to establish five streams of work to look at the options in more detail. Plans will be shared with regulators and key stakeholders later this month



Considerations for the Board

- Does the development of Accountable Care Systems support the HWB Vision of an Integrated System of Wellbeing?
- What is the Board's role in the development of an Accountable Care System?

