

To
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Dear colleague,

Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme - Stocktake of progress

Following the stocktake of progress document that you returned for analysis, I am pleased to enclose your report with specific analysis.

Firstly may I thank you for your stocktake return and the detail of your responses. With over 340 individual examples or practice of local activity sent in there is a wealth of material that will be disseminated over coming weeks. In addition, any requests for support and clarification that you made as part of your return will all be followed up.

The key next steps are:

- For you to review your analysis - ahead of the publication of the full national report.
- Receive an advance copy of the draft executive summary from the national report.
- Publication of the report on 17 October.
- Regional engagement to develop the Improvement offer with you and to support work you may already be doing.
- Individual contact with you responding to your request or to follow up on your analysis.

Your stocktake is clearly an important building block in developing your response at a local level to the Winterbourne View concordat and much good progress is reported. However as you will see in the attached report, progress is variable and in some places there is much to do.

The stocktake is your self analysis and I am sure you would want to use this with the analysis to support and inform discussions as necessary. In view of the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board you may think that is an appropriate setting to present this.

We have now appointed the Improvement team to work with you in the future and for ease of contact the regional links are:

- **East and West Midlands, East of England & Yorkshire & Humberside**
Zandrea Stewart – zandrea.stewart@local.gov.uk – 07900 931056
- **North East, South East & South West**
Steve Taylor – stephen.taylor@local.gov.uk – 07920 061189
- **London & North West**
Ian Winter CBE – ianjwinter@gmail.com – 07963 144128

They will be in touch with you very shortly as set out in the improvement section of the report, but please feel free to contact them with any questions or suggestions.

The stocktake was designed to enable local areas to assess their progress against commitments in the Winterbourne View Concordat, share good practice and identify development needs. The report, published jointly by the Local Government Association and NHS England, is an analysis that covers all 152 Health and Wellbeing Board areas.

A letter was sent on 2 October from Norman Lamb, Minister of State for Care and Support, Cllr Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman, Local Government Association and Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer, NHS England which was sent out to Clinical Commissioning Groups Clinical Leads, NHS England Area Teams with responsibility for specialised commissioning, Council Leaders and Chief Executives. The letter, which can be found on the [LGA website](#), stresses the urgency of moving forward in knowing that the commitments we have all made are kept and also sets out in more detail the additional steps we will be taking through the Enhanced Quality Assurance programme.

Once again please accept my personal thanks for the evidence of progress so far and for I am sure your ongoing support for continued progress.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bull', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Bull
Chair of the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Board