

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### Improving Palliative and End of Life Care: Strategic Commissioning Plan 2013-2018

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##### Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Health and Wellbeing Board with the Improving Palliative and End of Life Care: Strategic Commissioning Plan 2013-2018 for agreement.

##### Background

2. A review of hospice and palliative care services in 2012-13 demonstrated that the delivery of palliative, specialised palliative and end of life care is managed through a range of commissioned services across health, social and third sector organisations and that there is wide variation of the level of services delivered across our geographical areas.
3. The vision and developments documented in the attached commissioning plan have come to fruition through widespread engagement across health and social care systems and has had the benefit of input from patients' and carers to develop a new end of life and palliative care pathway.
4. The direction of travel has been supported by DDES, North Durham and Darlington CCG's and both Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council.

##### Recommendations

5. The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:
  - Agree the Improving Palliative and End of Life Care: Strategic Commissioning Plan 2013-2018 attached at Appendix 2.
  - Support its direction of travel and development work required in primary care to locally take this forward.
  - Support the continued partnership working to ensure integrated delivery of patient centred services.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** - Costs are included in the plan

**Staffing** - Individual initiatives have their own staffing implications which are reflected in the costs.

**Risk** - None

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** - None

**Accommodation** - None

**Crime and Disorder** - None

**Human Rights** - None

**Consultation** - None

**Procurement** - Procurement may be required for some of the initiatives particularly related to Single Point of Contact and Keeping People at Home which are in the first year priorities.

**Disability Issues** - None

**Legal Implications** - None