

# Winterbourne View Response

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**“The abuse of patients at Winterbourne View hospital was appalling, and those directly responsible have rightly been dealt with by the Courts. This report into the events at Winterbourne View shows clearly that there have also been many faults in the wider care system**

**Children and adults with learning disabilities or autism and who have mental health conditions or behaviour regarded as challenging have too often received poor quality and inappropriate care.**

**We know there are examples of good practice around the country, but we also know that too many people are admitted to hospital unnecessarily in hospital and they are staying there for too long.**

**This must stop”**

**Department of Health Final Report, December 2012**

# Concordat : Programme of Action

- Health and care commissioners will review all current hospital placements and support everyone inappropriately placed in hospital to move to community-based support as quickly as possible and no later than 1 June 2014
- •Every area will put in place a locally agreed joint plan for high quality care and support services for people of all ages with challenging behaviour, that accords with the model of good care.
- •There will be national leadership and support for local change.
- •Planning will start from childhood improving the quality and safety of care
- •Accountability and corporate responsibility for the quality of care will be strengthened
- •Regulation and inspection of providers will be tightened
- •Progress in transforming care and redesigning services will be monitored and reported:

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- These plans should ensure that a new generation of inpatients does not take the place of people currently in hospital.
- This joint plan will be part of the Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy for implementation from April 2014.
- The strong presumption will be in favour of supporting this with pooled budget arrangements with local commissioners offering justification where this is not done

# Safeguarding

- Excellent communication between safeguarding teams is vital especially when someone has been placed out of area.
- Multi-agency working can help to ensure that individuals are kept safe in out of area inpatient placements.

# Employment

- Employment can be found for people who display challenging behaviour
- Employment is can be a vital element of an individuals life allowing them to become more confident and to play an active part within the community.
- Employment can enable people to feel empowered to have control of their lives.

# Key Links to Reports

- Department of Health Winterbourne Response and Concordat

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/winterbourne-view-hospital-department-of-health-review-and-response>