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Dear Colleagues

Report on Yorkshire and the Humber 2011 Health Self Assessment Exercise

Please find attached the Yorkshire and Humber report following the 2011 Health Self Assessment process. Each PCT is to be congratulated for the amount of work and commitment it has shown to ensure that we continue to improve health for people with a learning disability.

This report describes the main findings from the recently completed annual self assessment – the fourth such exercise to be undertaken since 2007-08 when the Region was the national pilot site for this way of working.

In Yorkshire and the Humber it is now possible to systematically identify innovative good practice and also service deficits or health inequalities experienced by people with a learning disability, and to learn from these and improve practice accordingly. Work done over the past four years has strengthened commissioning processes and offered a foundation and rationale for service development, generating additional investment in new posts and services. As well as this, it has helped to improve local and regional governance, accountability and systematic reporting. Most importantly, people with a learning disability and families and carers have become increasingly involved and included in health service planning, commissioning and delivery.

However we are all aware that we still have much to do, especially since the incidents earlier in the year around Winterbourne. This will only be achieved if we all continue to work together and ensure that people with a learning disability are included in both specialist and main stream health agendas.

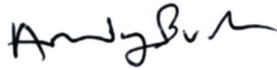
The report sets out the achievements we have made and the challenges we continue to face. I am sure this is something you would want to share with the Cluster Boards, both executive and non-executive members, and staff who have worked so hard to achieve this.

Chair: Kathryn Riddle

Chief Executive: Ian Dalton CBE

From 3 October 2011 NHS North East, NHS North West and NHS Yorkshire and the Humber - the three strategic health authorities in the North of England - will be placed under a single management framework and work together as NHS North of England.

Yours sincerely



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