

**STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TORRINGTON
COMMUNITY CARES OVERSIGHT GROUP - WITH REGARD TO THE
SIX MONTH EVALUATION OF THE TEST OF CHANGE**

STATEMENT:

In an ideal world we would wish to recommend that the Community Hospital beds and Community services run concurrently, fit for the 21st Century. However, due to current financial constraints, we recognise this is an aspirational recommendation.

Although in general, we have not seen evidence currently that the quality, reliability and safety of patient care is being compromised in the existing model, we propose the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Oversight Group committee should continue to hold the providers and commissioners to account and refer them to the following reservations:**
 - The presented data analysis represents trends, not statistical significance ;
 - The numbers of patients/carers are relatively low and have been assessed over too short a period of time;
 - The study is generic and can be perceived as lacking focus on a potentially vulnerable group of elderly patients;
 - A number of patients appear to have been disadvantaged – particularly during the early stages of the process (ie: regarding discharge procedures and patient choice)
- 2. The process of change should be reviewed regularly - ie: initially at six monthly intervals (with reports to the Oversight Group).**
- 3. There should be a particular focus - throughout these reviews - on all aspects of service delivery (e.g. sustainability and patient/carer and workforce experience)**

4. In light of the fact that the OSG would have wished to focus greater attention on the concept of the Health & Social Care Hub:

A separate community focussed group * should be established , to consider and contribute constructively to the emergent use of the Torrington Community Hospital as a Health, Social Care and Voluntary sector `Hub`; promoting integrated care, ill health prevention, carer support etc. * *(NB: This would be a subgroup of the Oversight group).*