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To: Supporting People in Kent Commissioning Body

Subject: Payment By Results Pilot

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary

The Communities and Local Government Department has asked Kent County Council to be the Supporting People Programme Payment By Results pilot authority in the South East. This report seeks agreement for the Commissioning Body to participate in a Payment By Results pilot in Quarters 3 and 4 of 2011/12 (October 2011 to March 2012).

It recommends the establishment of a task and finish group comprising of members of the Core Strategy Group to look at the proposed model that could be adopted in supported housing in April 2013 subject to Core Strategy Group recommendation, and Commissioning Body approval.

1. Introduction

(1) The Communities and Local Government Department has selected a small number of local authorities to participate in a Payment by Results pilot, in which Kent would be the only nominated authority in the South East. The Kent Programme would take part in the evaluation and monitoring of the national pilot in partnership with the CLG and other pilot authorities.

2. A Kent Pilot

(1) The Kent Supporting People Programme is proposing to introduce a pilot in quarters three and four of 2011/12 to consider the opportunity for developing a model within supported housing. There will be no monetary implications for providers who wish to participate in the pilot and they have expressed a wish to be involved to help inform and shape the development of any proposed model in Kent.

3. Task and Finish Group

(1) It is proposed that a Core Strategy Task and Finish Group is set up to develop a potential Payment by Results model for supported housing and this work will run in conjunction with a process of consultation with providers, and the Service User Panel.

4. Consultation and Communication

(1) The Programme will work with the Core Strategy Task and Finish Group, the Service User Involvement Panel, and a volunteer group of providers. The outcomes of the task and finish group, and the group of providers will be reviewed by the Core Strategy Group and conclude with a report to the Commissioning Body outlining the findings and recommendations.

5. Equality Impact Assessment

(1) Following the pilot, an Equality Impact Assessment will be conducted against any final proposals to be submitted to the Core Strategy Group and the Commissioning Body.

6. Risk and Business Continuity Management

(1) The Task and Finish Group, providers, and the Service User Panel will inform a risk and business continuity management impact assessment.

7. Financial Implications

(1) The Payment by Results pilot will be cost neutral in 2011/12.

8. Legal implications

(1) The Programme will take legal advice about the implementation of a Payment by Results model as appropriate.

9. Sustainability Implications

(1) The Programme will work to ensure that any payment by results model that is developed ensures the viability of services, and does not breach the funding that has been allocated to the Programme.

10. Conclusion

(1) The CLG has asked Kent Supporting People Programme to be part of a Payment by Results pilot. The Programme is proposing to run a pilot in quarters three and four of 2011/12, and set up a task and finish group comprising members of the Core Strategy Group, together with providers, and the Service User Panel to develop a model and report to the Commissioning Body outlining the findings and recommendations.

Recommendations

1. The Kent Supporting People Programme Commissioning Body is asked to agree to the proposal set out in this report to participate in the CLG Payment by Results pilot.
2. The Kent Supporting People Programme Commissioning Body is asked to agree to the establishment of a Core Strategy Task and Finish Group to develop a model for consideration by the Commissioning Body.
3. The Kent Supporting People Programme Commissioning Body is asked to agree that the Programme will work with providers and service users to help develop a model for consideration by the Commissioning Body.

Background Documents

None

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