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Subject: Update on Floating Support in Lieu of Planned Accommodation Based Services

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Summary

This report provides the Commissioning Body with an update on the recent commissioning of floating support in lieu of accommodation based services.

1. Introduction

- (1) The Commissioning Body has previously received a paper on the provision of floating support in lieu of planned accommodation based services.
- (2) This report provides an update on those accommodation based services that have been commissioned as part of this provision.

2. Recent commissioning

- (1) The strategy identified the need for a range of housing related support schemes including several for young people, two women's refuges and schemes for single homeless people.
- (2) Six schemes have since been delivered in Sevenoaks, Dover, Maidstone, Shepway, Tonbridge and Malling and Swale. This totals 44 units for young people at risk (annual contract value £629,553.26), 6 units for teenage parents (annual contract value £91,591.73) and a women's refuge of 6 units in Sevenoaks.
- (4) The latest tendering exercise was undertaken in June 2013, delivering a new supported housing scheme for Young People at Risk in Swale.
- (5) As previous reports have identified, the remaining schemes planned have yet to secure sites, capital and planning permission where necessary. It is unlikely that the outstanding schemes will be delivered in this financial year.
- (6) As the substantive floating support services have become established, the demand for the floating support in lieu services has diminished. In order to get

best use from these contracts, their capacity has been utilised to deliver support to the Troubled Families programme until November when the contracts will end.

- (7) The needs analysis currently being undertaken will test the ongoing need for future supported housing services and will inform a commissioning plan that will consider a range of flexible models of delivery.

4. Conclusion

- (1) Floating support has been provided in lieu of a range of supported accommodation ambitions.
- (2) Whilst some of these ambitions have been realised, key factors such as capital and planning have prevented or delayed the development of others.
- (3) The substantive floating support contracts are fully operational, which has enabled the in lieu provision to be utilised to support the Troubled Families agenda.
- (4) The needs analysis and resultant commissioning plan will provide an opportunity to establish the need for any future supported accommodation provision.

Recommendations;

The Commissioning Body is asked to note the update provided.
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Background Documents

None

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