

Commissioner's Key Decision – November and December 2014

Decision:

Following the key decision in May 2014 to progress a single tender with Victim Support the decision has been made to commission Victim Support to deliver core victim services in Kent for 12 months from the 1 April 2015.

Justification:

This approach provides greater opportunity to continue the collaborative arrangement with Victim Support so the scope of victim support services and the opportunities for enhancing services can be fully understood. This will feed into the development of the specification for the longer term contract, with the tender process commencing for this in the new financial year.

Decision:

Decision to become a signatory to the Kent & Medway Mental Health Concordat

Justification:

There are a number of signatories to the Concordat, including NHS, Magistrates Association, British Transport Police, Kent County Council and Healthcare providers. By signing up to the concordat agencies have agreed that they will work to develop services including:

- Making early interventions to prevent people reaching crisis point.
- Ensuring a multi-agency response for people in crisis so needs are met appropriately in a healthcare setting.
- Providing a plan that supports the recovery and prevents reoccurrence for those for people who have experienced a crisis.