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## **TRANSFORMING REHABILITATION – A REVOLUTION IN THE WAY WE MANAGE OFFENDERS**

### **IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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#### **Generally**

- If implemented, these proposals will result in the fragmentation of the current system. Local Authorities will be required to put in place measures to link with a potentially larger pool of providers.
- Require Local Authorities to work with contracted providers under significant pressure to secure payment. Discretion and added quality will be at risk.
- We can see significant threats to developing initiatives around Restorative Justice.

#### **Specific issues in respect of Adult and Child Safeguarding**

- Raise significant uncertainty about who will be responsible and accountable for safeguarding in relation to low and medium risk of harm cases. This includes the transfer of statutory duties.
- Working with multiple providers in a contractual relationship will reduce the added value and flexibility which comes from working with a public sector service.
- Concerns about the transfer of knowledge, understanding and experience of Safeguarding.
- How a professionally trained, qualified and experienced workforce is maintained and developed.
- How consistency in assessment standards is maintained and for maintaining other professional standards.

#### **Specific Issues in relation to Integrated Offender Management Partnership**

- Low and medium risk offenders, responsible for significant elements of volume crime, will be the business of contracted providers.
- Possible funding issues to be resolved with new providers.

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- It is possible that there could be significantly greater demands on services locally (e.g. housing, drugs) arising from under 12 months offenders being subject to statutory supervision.

#### **Youth Offending Services**

- Difficulties associated with transitioning young people to adult services in an environment of multiple providers.

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