

ESRC Seminar Series: The Third Sector in Criminal Justice

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Context

- Offenders live in / or will return to the community
- They have a wide range of risks and needs.
 - risks and needs are not the same
 - But nor are they discrete
- Offenders access services from a wide range providers
- NOMS aims are to deliver the sentence, reduce reoffending, and protect the public
- It works with other agencies on common aims, and in a wide range of partnerships
- Sources provision from a variety of providers already
- But opportunity and desire for more.
- Difficult financial challenges and considerable change e.g. health restructure and Police and Crime Commissioners



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NOMS commissioning

- NOMS is currently in a state of transition
- Is moving to be a genuine commissioning organisation
- The Specification Benchmarking and Costing (SBC) programme has already issued outcome/output descriptions for the services that it provides- that are provider neutral
- Has already published competition and commissioning intentions documents
- But detailed mechanisms for commissioning will be subject to the current Probation Review
- Anticipate period of learning and development for NOMS and providers



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NOMS restructure

- Has moved to new directorates
 - (HR, Finance etc.)
 - Public Sector Prisons – Steve Wagstaffe
 - High Security Prisons – Phil Cople
 - National Operational Services – Digby Griffith
 - Probation and Contracted Services – Colin Allars
 - **Commissioning and Commercial** – Ian Poree
 - **Custodial Commissioning** – Ian Blakeman
 - **Co- Commissioning** – Simon Boddis
 - **Community Commissioning** – Martin Copsey
 - 5 thematic commissioners each with regional responsibilities



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Commissioning Intentions

- Discussion document issued this month
- Is a discussion document
- Sets out the service needs & priorities for 2012-13
- Will be the basis of negotiations with 'prime providers'



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- 1 Ensure that there is sufficient capacity to respond to the demand for community sentences from the Courts
- 2 Deliver the minimum requirements set out in NOMS Service Specifications to ensure that services are legal, safe and decent
- 3 Disinvest in non-core rehabilitation services for offenders serving community sentences that present a low risk of reoffending and pose a low risk of harm to others, and re-focus investment on offenders presenting a medium or high risk of reoffending
- 4 Continue to invest in effective services for offenders presenting medium to high risk of harm to others
- 5 Disinvest in ineffective services and interventions
- 6 Maintain the availability of effective interventions, and develop the use of those suitable for delivery as Specified Activities Requirements (SAR) to the court, to provide more cost effective, proportionate and targeted services

7 <http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/about/noms/commissioning-intentions-2012-13.pdf>

8 or visit

9 www.justice.gov.uk

- 10 Ensure delivery of the specification for Approved Premises to maximise opportunities for the rehabilitation of the offender
- 11 Work with partners to commission local services so that the risks offenders pose can be reduced within their communities
- 12 Develop capacity and capability to offer restorative justice conferencing
- 13 Promote the delivery of Integrated Offender Management through close working with partner agencies
- 14 Work towards greater engagement of volunteers within the provision of offender services in the community, through developing systems which enable access and opportunity
- 15 Increase the provision of interventions and specialist assessments for extremist offenders

Competition strategy

- Published in July 2011
 - Confirms principles and benefits

Sets out early priorities of:

- 9 prisons will be competed/ re-competed
- Community Payback
- Further payment by results pilots in non custodial settings



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We are still working on developing a market....

- there will be commissioning and competitions for services at local, sub national and national level
- The exact arrangements and sizes are not yet determined
- Much depends upon the Probation Review that is likely to start the consultation processes around Christmas/New Year



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